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People of the Fire

City of Shawnee demands unwarranted tax revenue

City of Shawnee, Okla. officials recently delivered a letter to the four Native American tribes in the city asking that they begin paying a three percent sales tax on goods sold to non-tribal members. The letter claimed that sales tax for the City was decreasing as Tribal enterprises were growing.

In an investigation into the City of Shawnee claims that sales tax revenue is down, independent audits of its finances show that tax revenue has increased each year since 1996, with the exception of the fiscal year 2009-2010.

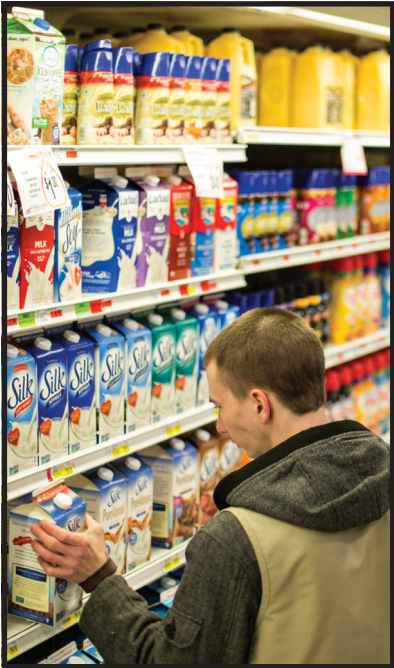
“I agree with the City officials that our businesses have an impact on sales tax revenue, but it’s a positive one,” said Tribal Chairman John Barrett. “The success of our businesses helps increase their tax revenue. Our casinos, ball parks and museum bring thousands of visitors to Shawnee each year. Our family reunion festival in June 2012 brought more than 5,000 people in just one weekend last year. While those people are in town they stay in hotels, eat at restaurants and purchase gas.”

The letter to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma was hand delivered by police officer on Feb. 4, 2012 and demanded a reply by Feb. 14, 2012 or the City would seek legal action.

“The City of Shawnee has seen its sales tax revenues decrease significantly in recent years, during which time there has been an increase in Tribal enterprises selling commercial goods and services within the Shawnee City limits,” Mainord said in the letter. “While we welcome economic development in our community and intend to work with you to increase the standard of living of our shared population here in Pottawatomie County, the City is concerned about the decrease in its sales tax revenues and thus its ability to provide its citizens, including many members of the Tribal Nations you lead with

necessary services.”

In a February 6, 2014 interview with state’s largest newspaper, *The Oklahoman*, Shawnee City Manager Brian McDougal said there is no exact figure to illustrate



FireLake Discount Foods serves many tribal and non-tribal customers in the areas south of Shawnee, Okla.

the economic loss the city has suffered over the past decade or so. McDougal also mentioned the Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprise FireLake Discount Foods claiming that “lots of retail enterprises have popped up around the area. We’re not seeing any sales tax from any of those businesses. Our city is struggling to pay for basic services.”

Although Shawnee municipal officials claim that City sales tax revenue is down and they are struggling to pay for basic services, their own audits show that sales tax revenue is up. Despite this claimed shortfall, Shawnee City officials recently offered Hunt Properties, Inc. a two percent tax rebate for six years, 1.5 percent for three years up to a maximum of \$3.75 million and pledged \$3 million for a city pool.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal enterprises collect an 8.5 percent sales tax on goods sold. That sales

tax revenue is used to fund programs and services at the Nation and to contribute to the communities in the CPN Tribal jurisdiction.

“We gift three percent of sales at FireLake Express Grocery to the City of Tecumseh because they have helped us with our economic development and we use part of the city’s water line for our water district,” added Barrett. “None of our business entities are located in the city limits of Shawnee; we bought this land in 1867. Federal law says it is not in the city and the Oklahoma constitution exempts our land from taxation. We do not use Shawnee’s water, sewer, or police. If we ask for help, we pay for it.”

In the audit for fiscal year 2005-2006, City of Shawnee's report states that “tribal business enterprises are highly visible in Pottawatomie County and are beginning to show up in the economic data in an important way. Tribal hiring is driving growth in arts, entertainment, and recreation services (gaming), accommodation and food services, and local government. Gaming-related hiring has increased from a dozen jobs to more than 300 jobs since early 2004. Food service jobs in the county have increased at a more than four percent annual rate in the past three years. The largest impact is seen in the local government sector, which has added approximately 1,000 jobs since 2002. More than half of the new jobs can be attributed to tribal government activities.”

“We are trying to build a tax base for ourselves and our tribal members like any government would do,” added Barrett. “We are doing this so that we can self-finance our economic development and become self-sufficient.”

In reports for fiscal years 2008 to 2011, City of Shawnee audits report that “The tribal gaming industry is a major industry and a major employer for the area and the I-40 corridor sees continued

growth with several new restaurants, hotels and other real establishments.”

“Although we are not and cannot be all things to all people, our services do help take care of our tribal members and fellow Oklahomans when assistance is needed,” added Barrett. “Not only does that help create a more healthy and vibrant community, our services ease the burden on the State of Oklahoma.”

The 2013 National Indian Gaming Association annual report states that “Indian gaming economic activity continues to generate over \$9 billion in Federal taxes and revenue savings through reduced welfare and unemployment benefit payments. In addition, Indian gaming generated over \$2 billion in state government revenue and an additional \$100 million in local government revenue.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the largest employer in Pottawatomie County with more than 2,200 employees and had a \$522 million economic impact in 2012. CPN has created seven out of 10 news jobs in Shawnee for the past decade.

“Much of the sales taxes Shawnee collects are derived from the turnover of our payroll in the economy of Shawnee,” added Barrett. “We buy in Shawnee. We donate to local charities, local law enforcement, churches, and send every penny of our license tag collections back directly to the schools.”

In 2012 CPN donated \$203,495 to Oklahoma Schools, made \$1.8 million in contributions to local charitable organizations and made \$21.3 million in tax payments and payments in lieu of taxes.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is also responsible for a variety of services including healthcare, elderly programs, social services, education and housing. In 2012 CPN health facilities had more than 20,000 physician visits, 4,600 dental visits, served 14,000

meals to the elderly, assisted 3,500 families through Indian Child Welfare, provided 3,800 scholarships and assisted with housing costs for more than 1,500 people.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a good community partner to the communities in and around Pottawatomie County and to the



State of Oklahoma. The tribe will continue its path of economic development, job creation and charitable giving. However, attacks like those from the City of Shawnee demanding payment in lieu of taxes and litigation throttle our progress. Rather than stand in the way of the job creation and economic development created by Native American Tribes across the United States, city and state governments should work with these Tribal economic engines for the good of the community.

CPN license plates not for sale

By Greg Quinlan, Tribal Attorney

One of the more popular benefits offered to members by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the use of tribal motor vehicle tags. The Citizen Potawatomi Tag Agency was created to give tribal members a way to demonstrate pride in their cultural heritage. The use of

within their communities.

However, it must be stressed that Citizen Potawatomi Nation motor vehicle tags remain the property of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Tribal motor vehicle tags are issued for exclusive use on motor vehicles owned by tribal members



A sample version of tribal tags cherished by collectors.

tribal members, the plates remain the property of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

When a tag expires, it must either be renewed or returned to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In the unfortunate situation where a motor vehicle is destroyed or repossessed, the tribal member must secure the license plate with his or her other personal property in the vehicle.

Unfortunately, a number of Citizen Potawatomi motor vehicle

tags have appeared on online auction sites like eBay. These sales are illegal. The buyers and sellers of our motor vehicle tags are guilty of trafficking in stolen property.

Every application for the registration of a motor vehicle and every registration issued by the Citizen Potawatomi Tag Agency contain a signed, written reminder that “Tribal license plates are not transferrable. Tribal license plates remain the property

of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the license plate must be returned to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Failure to return expired tags will result in criminal and civil penalties.”

In the same way that selling a tribal vehicle or computer online would be a crime, selling an expired tribal tag is illegal. It can also be very dangerous when a police officer stops a blue Buick displaying a license plate issued to a red Ford.

One other facet to consider is that a portion of the funds from tribal tags are put back into Oklahoma public schools.

As part of our duties, the tribal attorney’s office monitors the sale of tribal license plates and refers such sales to our tribal police and prosecutors.

Tribal leaders and employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation take great pride in the services that we are able to offer our tribal members. Let’s enjoy those services in a safe and legal way.



Tag agency revenue goes directly into local schools in the Shawnee and Tecumseh, Okla. areas.

tribal tags can also mitigate some of the financial burden of registering a new car or renewing the registration on a presently owned automobile. Tribal leaders feel that tribal tags are an excellent way to recognize our tribal members and to demonstrate the impact of our tribal members

and registered to specific motor vehicles. It is critically important that members of the law enforcement community can readily identify the owner of a vehicle sporting one of our tribal tags. Therefore, tribal license plates are not transferrable. Despite their registered use by

Wadase Update – March 2014

By Jennifer Randell, Director, CPN Eagle Aviary

Winter weather persists here in Oklahoma. The bird feeders around the aviary are packed full of every songbird indigenous to the area as well as woodpeckers, flickers and crows. Even the turkeys are depending on us to furnish a daily meal in the harsh winter weather.

However, Wadase has only been to the aviary a handful times in the last several weeks. Her telemetry shows us that she has been spending time just northeast of the Iron Horse Industrial Park project along one of her favorite bends in the river that offers her protection from the harsh North winds. That portion of the river opens up to a wide section of water. There, situated between the



In the midst of hunting.

However, they were unfazed by her antics. After several hours she made repeated passes at the food we had offered her. She would fly by grabbing at the rat and launching it into the air and circle the pasture and return to the top of the large enclosure and repeat the process. On the fourth pass she nabbed the prey and headed out across the pasture north towards the river and out of sight. This was the first time we saw her take food and leave the safety of her pasture. Young eagles spend the majority of their first four years out of the nest exploring territory and gaining necessary life skills to be successful in finding a mate and rearing young of their own. She continues to surpass our expectations as we continue to



Perched in the tree overlooking the pasture.



Wadase closing in for the grab.

tree-lined northern bank of the river, where the water is deeper and the sand covered southern bank where the shallows are, Wadase has found an ideal place to fish.

We had hoped to capture video of her fishing along that portion of river and have spent many hours over the course of several days in a blind. Despite this, we have not yet seen her attempt to catch a fish. We know the statistics of bald eagle activity and we knew

there was only a narrow margin to catch her on film. Bald eagles statistically spend 91 percent of their time at rest, perched or roosting. 2.6 percent of their time is spent drinking or bathing while only 4.1 percent is used for hunting and scavenging for food.

As we packed up after a long and uneventful day in the cold we spotted her around the bend. She flew along the river towards us and disappeared in the northern tree line into an area that she has been known to use as a roost. The whole encounter was over before we could unpack camera or video equipment. It was good to see her though. The last time she was at the aviary, she roosted atop the large enclosure. Occasionally she flew from one crossbeam to the next as if she was trying to get a reaction from the eagles below.

learn from her and gather valuable data from the telemetry.

The CPN is fortunate to have been able to send one of our prayer warriors back into the wild so early in our program’s development. Wadase Zhabwe is out there everyday carrying all of our prayers to the Creator, Momagosnon.

For more information or to read previous updates please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.

Grocery and retail enterprises give back to the community under Director Richard Driskell

The grocery business isn’t as simple as it looks from the outside. There is a science to everything, even in placing products on a shelf for consumers. The man behind that science for CPN grocery enterprises is tribal employee Richard Driskell.

“It is vital to a business, what product is placed where, how much of it is out, keeping track of what sells and what doesn’t,” explained Driskell. “When you’ve got an electric bill in the thousands, employee payroll to meet and vendors to pay, how merchandise is placed on the shelves begins to matter a lot.”

This meticulous planning mirrors that of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Over the last decade, the tribe has built up services and enterprises along the areas south of the intersection of Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty Road as well as other sections of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma

“When I started with FireLake Discount Foods, the building wasn’t even built. It was just dirt work and a pad. Looking at it today, it is pretty incredible to see what the tribe has done.”

Responsible for FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Express Grocery, the FireLake Corner Store and the Grand Travel Plaza, Driskell has witnessed firsthand the tribe’s growth throughout the last decade. He has spent nearly his entire working experience in the grocery business, starting off as a teenage employee at Pratt’s Grocery Store in Tecumseh. Driskell worked his way up through the Pratt’s organization, managing stores before eventually

becoming buyer for the region. A brief time as a financial adviser took Driskell away from the grocery industry, but when the opportunity to return to the sector before FireLake Discount Foods grand opening in May 2001, he seized it.

“I missed retail,” Driskell recalled of his decision to take on the position of buyer for FireLake Discount Foods. “You never know if you’re going to be in the office buying or down on the floor speaking with customers. Working for the tribe gives you so many opportunities to work in different areas, which is what I enjoy.”

Driskell manages more than 350 employees between FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Express Grocery, the Grand Travel Plaza and the FireLake Corner Store. In many cases, the grocery stores are the primary shopping outlet for customers outside of Shawnee, Okla. This fact, combined with a misunderstanding about the role of tribal sales taxes, occasionally gives rise to the misconception that tribal tax revenues are used to lower prices to the detriment to local competitors.

“It is the misunderstanding I hear about the most from people around here,” said Driskell.

Tribal enterprises pay an 8.5 percent sales tax, equivalent to the city of Shawnee’s rate. That tax revenue goes to the Nation’s Tax Commission, which is then used to fund tribal programs for college scholarships, burial assistance, housing down payment assistance and the Health Aid program.

“Not a dime goes back to us cutting prices in the store. It



Director Richard Driskell carries oranges during the 2013 Shawnee Red Cross Christmas food drive. Driskell and fellow grocery store employees also donate time each month to the Shawnee Salvation Army's soup kitchen.

simply isn’t true,” explained Driskell.

Misunderstandings aside, Driskell is proud of the impact his employees and enterprises play in the local community. On an annual basis, the tribal employees he oversees donate their time to charities like the Lions Club Chili Feast, the Kiwanis Pancake Feed and a number of activities at the Shawnee Salvation Army.

“The people from FireLake Discount Foods have a tremendous impact on the Salvation Army all year round,” said Lieutenant Phillip Canning of the Shawnee Branch of the Salvation Army. “They donate food and work in

our soup kitchen, and at Christmas time they’re huge supporters of our Angel Tree program.”

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, FireLake employees provide the ingredients for and serve a dinner at the Salvation Army soup kitchen. The grocery stores donate thousands in tons of food annually, at cost, to local schools and religious organizations, mainly in the form of gift cards. These physical donations are in addition to the monetary donations contributed to local causes each year, with FireLake Discount Foods giving more than \$13,000 in charitable donations during 2013 alone.

Now, more than a decade past his decision to leave the world of financial consulting behind, Driskell reflected on the changes he’s seen at the intersection of Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive.

“I was apprehensive about coming here, I’m not going to lie,” he said. “That subsided pretty quickly once I got here though. You always hear about employers treating their staff like family, but that is what I’ve experienced here personally. How I’ve been treated, and how we serve the local communities, is a reflection of that atmosphere. In terms of being part of a family, I still find that to be true.”

CPN Eagle Bio: Shay

By Jennifer Randell, Eagle Aviary Manager

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Aviary currently houses 14 non-releasable bald eagles from all over the United States. Once found injured in the wild, they are taken to wildlife rehabilitators. These individuals do their best to rehabilitate the bird so they may be returned to the wild. However, if they cannot be released, they require placement in a long-term care facility, such as the Eagle Aviary at CPN.

Shay

Shay came to CPN on June 27, 2012, two days before the CPN Eagle Aviary’s grand opening. Shay was found in Florida, grounded and unable to hunt due to a shotgun wound which would

inevitably end her ability to fly. She was fortunate to be found and taken to the Florida Audubon Society Rehabilitation Center for treatment.

Upon intake, Shay was listed as an adult female of approximately five-plus years of age. Her age was identified by her large size and full white head and tail.

After six months of healing she was ready to be placed. Shay spent several years at their facility on an education permit before she was transferred to Sia: The Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative in 2005.

We met Shay in the fall of 2008, where my colleague and sister Bree Dunham were conducting



Shay has enjoyed the cold winter in Oklahoma this year.



Shay has one spot that is hers alone, and none of the other enclosure eagles will use it even if she is away.

our hands-on training. After spending time with many of the eagles there, we developed a special relationship with several of them and learned that each have their distinct personalities.

For instance, Shay has one particular spot that is hers to perch on and none of the other eagles will attempt to perch there when she is away.

During our routine cleaning while training, we discovered that she loves to be misted with the water hose when refilling water,

washing down the enclosure or watering the plants. No matter the weather, freezing cold or sweltering heat, she will spread her wings open wide and begin beating them in the mist with such force she can hardly hold on to the log where she is perched. Should you forget to spray her, she will let you know by chattering loudly as if scolding you for forgetting about her love of the water.

When our training was coming to a close, Sia’s director asked if we would like to place a few of the bald eagles that we had trained

with at their facility. Shay was one of those eagles.

We estimate her to be at least 25 years old now since she was fully adult when she was rescued, but an exact age is hard to define. She was the first eagle to be released into the enclosures because she was the oldest female and the matriarch of the group. She has had many homes over the years since she was injured, but the CPN Eagle Aviary will be her last. She is part of our Potawatomi family now.

CPN House of Hope partners with Pendleton to combat domestic violence

Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s House of Hope has created a limited edition Pendleton blanket to raise awareness and funds for domestic violence programs. The blanket is the only of its kind to represent domestic violence prevention and education.

“We are really proud of this blanket and what it means for Citizen Potawatomi Nation and domestic violence programs,” said CPN House of Hope Director Tiffany Barrett. “We have created something that wasn’t there and it’s going to be a lasting legacy for the House of Hope program and the tribe.”

CPN House of Hope first reached out to Pendleton in Nov. 2012 after they had received the support of the program evaluators and managers. The blankets were funded by a domestic violence prevention grant aimed at education and prevention. All proceeds from the blanket will go



Amanda Chapman and Penny Coates show off the Pendleton blanket. Proceeds from the blanket will go toward domestic violence prevention.

to domestic violence programs in the CPN jurisdiction.

“This was a long process, but we wanted to make sure we created something that would best

represent the tribe,” added Barrett. “We looked at several designs and colors before we reached a decision.”

The design in the center of the

blanket is a traditional woodland floral pattern and the border represents Potawatomi beadwork and the Potawatomi oak leaf design. The color purple represents domestic violence

awareness and the color teal represents sexual assault awareness. After the design was determined it was sent to Pendleton for an example to be created and then back to CPN staff for approval.

The patch on each of the limited edition blankets is numbered and reads “The delicate beaded florals depict the Beauty of the woodlands. Strength lies within the leaves of the mighty oak. Love grows within the heart. The diamond stands for the treasures of life. Beauty, Strength, Love, Treasure...all woven into threads of Hope”

There are 150 limited edition blankets, which can be purchased at the tribal gift shop at the Cultural Heritage Center for \$250.

For more information about the blankets, contact the tribal gift shop at 405-878-5830.

Cultural Heritage Center to add displays of CPN history in Kansas and Indian territory

Walking into the immersive exhibits at the Cultural Heritage Center, the history of the Potawatomi people captures your attention immediately. The CHC staff has taken a “hands on” approach when upgrading the exhibits and that style will continue with the display of the time the Potawatomi spent in Kansas and migration to the area south of the North Canadian River in Oklahoma.

Many of the displays are in the work for several years before guests can see them on the museum floor and the Kansas exhibit is one of those.

“This process takes quite a while. We do an extensive amount of research and immerse ourselves into exact details of each display we have,” explained Mosteller. “Blake and I are really excited to get these displays up because we have a lot of objects in the collection from the late nineteenth century that we can incorporate into the displays.”



The Pottawatomie Mission in St. Mary’s, Kansas in the late 1860s.

The exhibit development team is making preparations for three different displays that will help illustrate the journey to central Oklahoma.

The first display will be a replica of a log cabin in Kansas and will consist of a porch, protruding roof and a chimney fabricated from an existing pillar inside the CHC building.

“We have to be really creative in developing our displays and that’s why it can take some extra time to create them. Designing the replicated chimney around the pillar is just one of the several creative things we have to come up with to make sure the display is accurate and aesthetically pleasing,” added Mosteller.

The next exhibit will be a painted



The tribe stopped in Kansas before eventually purchasing land in then-Indian territory.

mural which will display different means of transportation and paths that tribal members took to reach their final destination. CPN tribal member Penny Coates will paint the murals.

The third display will be a combined rendition of St. Mary’s mission in Kansas and Sacred Heart mission in southern Pottawatomie County. The

display will be at the end of the trilogy to help create a knowledgeable experience for visitors and tribal members alike.

Construction of the displays will begin in mid-February and will be completely by the end of June, in time for Family Reunion Festival 2014. For more information contact the Cultural Heritage Center at 405-878-5830.

19th Century printing press finds home in the Cultural Heritage Center

Despite temperatures well below freezing and a north wind gusting up to 30 miles per hour, staff from Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Construction Department descended on St. Gregory’s University in early February to help transport a one ton relic from a bygone century to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Though slow going at first, the 2,000 lb. Chandler and Price printing press was eventually dismantled and loaded onto a flatbed truck for the move to the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

“The press was donated to Sacred Heart, which was on Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal land. Those two entities had a great relationship then and we here at St. Gregory’s are continuing that great relationship by loaning the press indefinitely to the Cultural Heritage Center,” said Dane Pollei, Director and Chief Curator at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art at St. Gregory’s University in Shawnee, Okla. “We’re excited to loan the press to the Cultural Heritage Center and glad it now has a home there. We know the tribe will take excellent care of it and put it to good use on display.”

The 130-year old printing press, originally made in Cleveland, Ohio, belonged to Sacred Heart Abbey who produced the pre-statehood publication, *The Indian Advocate*.

According to the website www.ChroniclingAmerica.loc.gov, “The *Indian Advocate* was



The Chandler & Price press was used to print *The Indian Advocate*.



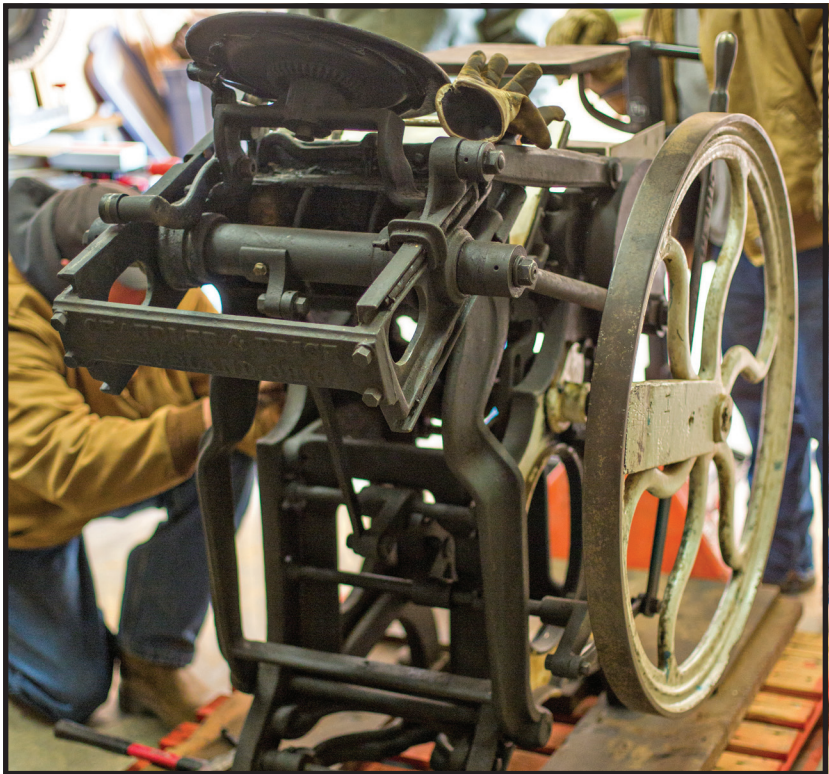
Weighing little more than one ton, the printing press had to be removed with a fork lift from St. Gregory’s University.

published by the Benedictine order at the Sacred Heart Abbey in Indian Territory, near present day Shawnee. Father D. Ignatius, the second and last of the Prefect Apostolics in Oklahoma, established *The Indian Advocate* in 1888.”

The quarterly review chronicled the happenings of late-19th

century Indian Territory “by promoting the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of the Indian race.”

The land used for Sacred Heart Abbey, in Konawa, Okla., was originally given to Father Isidore Robot to establish a monastery which would minister to the local Shawnee and Potawatomi tribes,



Construction Department members braved the cold and a lack of 19th century tools to take apart the 130-year old printing press.

who had no permanent religious institutions on their tribal lands. The press was housed at Sacred Heart until 1955, when it was moved to St. Gregory’s Abbey in the town of Shawnee.

A motor was later added in order to make the printing easier for the monks who managed the abbey and neighboring college. It was still in use before finally being retired in the early 2000s. With more than a century’s worth of use and a decade of being stowed away, the press will be displayed at the CHC building for visitors to appreciate its story and history.

“We are really thankful to have the printing press here. Soon we will have it exhibited at the Cultural Heritage Center,” said Blake Norton, Curator and Tribal Archivist at the Cultural Heritage Center. “The relationship the tribe had with Sacred Heart is still strong today through its connections with St. Gregory’s. The press exhibit is currently in design and we plan to have it complete by fall. We’re very excited to have and share such an important piece of tribal history with the Nation.”

Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation opens doors for CH Dixon Inc.

By Jessica Tucker, CPCDC

Say you and your family take a family vacation in Little Rock, Ark. this year. You rented a cabin and are playing by the water when you cut the bottom of your foot with a piece of glass you don’t see. You rush to Arkansas State Hospital’s emergency room, which is only ten minutes away. In the end, everything is okay once you get your stitches and tetanus shot. Amidst your other concerns, you may not have noticed that you were able to easily enter and exit the ER without anyone holding a door for you. While that sounds like a small aspect of your trip, you’re better off that Automatic Door Sales & Service did a good job.

Owner and operator Carey Roseberry has a number of companies under CH Dixon Inc., and one of them is Automatic Door Sales & Services of Little Rock, Ark. Roseberry’s firm installs and services pedestrian automatic sliding doors and



Chele and Carey Roseberry. Carey is a member of the Vieux.

automatic operators, like the ones at Arkansas State Hospital. The majority of their business is with the healthcare industry, but they also serve as a Horton Door distributor for central Arkansas.

Roseberry and his partner, Jim Pierce, purchased this business

in 2007 when the previous owner wanted to retire. They purchased the firm following Roseberry’s decision that he wanted to buy a service business and that he really didn’t care what it was.

“This is a very unique business and we have enjoyed the opportunities the last six and a half years,” said Roseberry. “We sell, install and service all types of commercial manual doors such as, steel, aluminum and wood, to name a few.”

In September 2008, Roseberry purchased Lamarr Glass & Door in Texarkana, Texas and renamed it Dixon Glass & Door.

Both businesses are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a technician on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to Roseberry, like most other small firms, the economy has impacted their business. Yet they have managed to increase revenue and add two new locations since

the 2007 purchase of Automatic Door Sales & Service.

“We ride the economy roller coaster of ups and downs, but have weathered the slow times well enough to continue to grow the business,” he said.

Roseberry first heard about Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation from a family member in 2009. Since then he has received and paid off a loan for Dixon Glass & Door in Texarkana and is currently in the process of purchasing another business in Rogers, Ark. Once that purchase is complete, Pierce and Roseberry will add another partner, Brent Paulson. Though Roseberry will be the majority owner in the company, he takes care of the people who have invested their lives in the company.

“I would not be able to purchase the business without their (CPCDC) help. Senior Commercial Lender Bob Crothers is excellent and

very enjoyable to work with,” said Roseberry.

Partially funded by a Treasury Department grant, the CPCDC’s aim is to promote community development and job creation through business counseling and funding for Native American-owned enterprises in Oklahoma and across the country. As one of the largest Native American Community Development Financial Institutions in the country, the CPCDC lends money to Native American owned business regardless of tribal affiliation in Oklahoma. For those outside of the state, the CPCDC will also assess and fund business loans, though that funding is solely for CPN tribal members.

If you would like to learn more about the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, please visit www.cpcdc.org. If you are interested in speaking with someone directly, please send an email to info@cpcdc.org or call 405-878-4697.

CHC staff archiving thousands of Potawatomi items

For the past year, the Cultural Heritage Center’s Tribal Archive and Research Division have been diligently working to transfer the Tribe’s cultural and historical collection catalogs and digital content into a new content management system called CuadraStar. The program will provide a more effective and efficient way to manage and make accessible the archival collections.

With the Cultural Heritage Center’s active acquisition policy, Archive and Research staff will continually add data to Cuadrastar. Each collection catalog and associated materials are accessible via key-word query, allowing staff



Thousands of resources, like those in the CHC Library, have been transferred to CuadraStar.

and researchers to cross-reference the entire collection.

“Being the management and research interface for our

collections, CuadraStar will become more robust as the archive grows,” said Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist. “With CuadraStar as our platform, our goal is to connect the archive with all tribal members and researchers on and off-site. Utilizing the user-friendly, key-word search engine, CuadraStar is as easy to navigate as Google or Yahoo.”

The archival collections include, but are not limited to historical and cultural documents, manuscripts, maps, photographic and genealogical material, and various forms of multimedia.

“The Tribal Archive and Research Division are employed with

preserving and protecting the Nation’s invaluable heritage collections. Providing digital access, while limiting physical contact with many of the sensitive and one of a kind materials, enhances conservation and security measures.”

Thousands of resources have been transferred to CuadraStar and more are being added daily. When available, the CHC will provide a URL to CuadraStar, allowing tribal members to access their historical and cultural collections from home. For more information, please contact the Cultural Heritage Center’s Tribal Archive and Research Division.

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Artist, poet, historian; Charles Clark records CPN past and future

The Tribal Rolls department is an integral part of any federally recognized tribal government. Rolls were originally created to force the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory to agree to an allotment plan, which would ultimately dissolve the reservation system.

Today, the rolls system is still used by sovereign tribes in the management of their citizenship. In a tribe like the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which identifies membership status by dependency, the importance of maintaining these documents is vital to keeping services available to members.

For 11 years and counting the director of tribal rolls has been Charles “Chuck” Clark.

Clark and his staff are responsible for administering tribal scholarships, collecting obituaries, and other various tasks concerning the tribal members’ family history and lineage.

Away from his office at the Cultural Heritage Center, Clark is an aficionado of the arts, dabbling



Charles “Chuck” Clark.

in painting, photography and poetry.

Clark grew up in Norman, Okla. and attended University School, a now-closed private elementary and secondary school, where he acquired his passion for arts and history. He credits his fifth grade art teacher as his first inspiration

to expand his mind, or as Chuck puts is, “outside the realm of normality.”

The Bertrand-descendent graduated in 1979 from St. Gregory’s College in Shawnee, Okla. with an Associate’s Degree in Science. From there, he went back to his hometown of Norman

where he did word processing for law students and attorneys. Clark claims he did this type of work to support his love of camping and climbing.

“There were five of us in a pack that went climbing several times a year. It didn’t matter what the weather brought. We climbed, rappelled off cliffs, went hiking, and spelunking. We even went friction climbing during an ice storm and rappelled off cliffs at night. Looking back, we were fortunate not to get hurt,” recalled Clark. “After a couple of years, everyone went their own way and I wasn’t a young man anymore, so I started looking for a career and found one at Ken’s Pharmacy.”

Clark spent a decade working at the well-known local pharmacy in his hometown of Norman. Yet as his tenth year of service there closed in, he decided he wanted a change.

“I just felt like I needed to do something different. My pharmacy career was a good job but it wasn’t something that I could see myself doing the rest of my life. I needed a change of

scenery,” explained Clark. “My mother had suggested that I apply to the tribe. So I did and landed my first job here as an assistant to the director of tribal rolls.”

A little more than a year later, Clark took over as director.

“This tribe has a special place in my heart. I’m a member and really love working here and documenting the history of the Potawatomi Tribe,” said Clark.

Clark’s Potawatomi name, Kiktode, means “Speaks from the heart”, which is reflected in his exploration and experimentation in different mediums of art.

“I get a lot of inspiration from Dali and Picasso. I would suggest that my approach towards art is geared to a social realism or social impressionism style,” he explained.

Those walking the halls of some CPN offices will undoubtedly spy one of Chuck’s pieces, reflecting both co-workers and tribal members’ feelings towards the art loving, tribal historian.

FireLake Entertainment Center still thriving after three decades

Once surrounded by a blooming corn field, FireLake Entertainment Center’s current surroundings look starkly different than it did thirty years ago. Its continuing transformation mirrors that of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s, whose holdings once consisted of a small administrative trailer and just a few parcels of land.

Constructed in 1982 as a bingo hall on tribal land, gaming was owned by the tribe but managed by an outside entity. In Sept. 1988, CPN began overseeing operations.



The Las Vegas Room.

Linda Canada, General Manager of FireLake Entertainment Center, reflected on everything she has been a part of since joining the tribe 22 years ago.

“After being here for so long and seeing the growth build up year after year, everything can really run together,” stated Canada. “We’ve changed a whole lot in regards to technology. However, we still have the same atmosphere and some of the patrons who show

up each week for an enjoyable evening of bingo and gaming.”

Originally, the bingo hall hosted two different games each day and night before the introduction of the of the Vegas style slots in the current casino. One game was bingo and the other was pull tabs, which Canada described as “paper slot machines.”

It was an interesting time, as gaming had yet to become the large enterprise it is today in Oklahoma. One Thanksgiving, in addition to bingo, the tribe hosted

a food drive for the holiday.

“Twelve hundred people came out. It was standing room only. Bingo players were literally playing on the side of the wall,” said Canada.

In 1995, FireLake Entertainment Center underwent a major renovation and added a bowling alley. Visitors today can still see the layout if they visit, though the lanes have long since moved



FireLake Casino is now a booming Tribal enterprise.

away to FireLake Bowling Center, located just across the parking lot.

In 2002, FireLake Entertainment Center added a small room between the bingo hall and old bowling alley. With wall-to-wall slot machines, staff dubbed it, the “Las Vegas Room.”

“After seeing the popularity and the potential of what the slot machines produced, it was a no brainer that we needed to get more,” said Canada.

Hoping to build on this growing market, in 2002 the tribe converted the old bowling alley into what is known today as FireLake Entertainment Center. A year later, the newly revamped casino and bingo hall opened with brand new slot machines,

card tables, and a bevy of other amenities.

“That first year the full entertainment center was opened, this place was a packed house,” stated Canada. “There were easily a thousand people a night here in the casino and bingo hall.”

Remnants of the entertainment center’s past can still be seen. In the casino area, the steps going down to the gaming area is where the bowling alley lanes used to be. The original sign for the “Las Vegas Room” is still present, illuminating the room.

The bingo hall stands where it always has since first being built in the early 1980s, with players attending the same games their parents and grandparents

played. With deep roots in the gaming community, the tribe has benefitted from its success.

“We were the first gaming center in the area. The tribe had the first bingo hall and then the first casino. We are extremely proud and confident of the success we have had here. We have great policies and procedures and that is what makes this such a successful enterprise,” said Canada.

It is a long way from 1982, when a small tribe decided to try its hand in the nascent Indian bingo sector. Yet as FireLake Entertainment Center prepares to celebrate its 32nd anniversary, its small operation has become a keystone for a growing community in the once sparse areas between Shawnee and Tecumseh, Okla.

How to be productive with your tax return



By Felecia Freeman and Tina Pollard, Certified Credit Counselors

If you are one of the 75 percent of Americans anxiously awaiting their tax return this year, please take a moment to plan.

1. Start a savings account

This is the perfect time to save, save, save. This is the one time of the year when many people have a lump sum to save. There are different types of savings accounts too. There are free accounts requiring no minimum balance and there are others that charge a modest fee if you do not

maintain a minimum balance. When deciding which account, you want weigh the options. Typically there is not much, if any, difference in the accounts. Usually you get a slightly higher interest rate with an account that is not free, but the difference is small.

2. Car repairs and tires

For most people a car is a necessity, but preventative maintenance is imperative in order to maintain proper working

condition. This is a primo time to have your belts and oil changed, brakes assessed, and fluid flushes. Tires are an expensive item, so if you need them, why not use your tax return?

3. Pay down credit card debt

The average credit card is 18 percent interest. That means you pay \$18.00 for every \$100 balance, if you carry it for a year. You may choose to cut the amount of time left to pay and interest it could cost by paying off or down your credit card balances.

If you are currently trying to build credit, remember that if you reach half of your available credit, you may reduce your score instead of build your score. Creditors really don’t want to see more than a

third of your credit limit used.

4. Pay off collection

Have old debt hanging over your head? Now is the perfect time to pay off any lingering balances. You can negotiate with your creditors to pay less than the full balance most of the time. One thing is for sure, if you don’t ask, the answer is “no.”

It is better to pay the balances or negotiated balance in full rather than making monthly payment arrangements. Collection agencies have 7.5 years from the date of delinquency to report and if you make monthly payment, the companies can consider it new activity and start the date over again.

These are just a few of the ways you can productively use your tax return. Remember to claim your Earned Income Tax Credit if you qualify. Also, it is important to remember your tax return will usually be sent within 10 days of you filing. If anyone gives you a “Rapid Refund” they are going to take a portion of your taxes for a two week loan. If you just wait the 10 days, you get to keep your entire return.

If you would like help making a plan for your tax return or need to know what is on your credit, the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has two certified credit counselors on staff to assist you. Simply call 405-878-4697 for an appointment.

CPN Dietitian Torie Fuller offers dietary expertise

Losing weight and leading a healthier lifestyle can be daunting for anyone and going at it alone is a challenge that many people cannot overcome alone, especially when factoring in the day-to-day business of everyday life. This is why people like Torie Fuller are there to help.

Torie Fuller, CPN Registered Dietitian RD/LD, is a young pioneer of the culinary craft of nutrition. The 2013 graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma, designs healthy diets for tribal members and employees at CPN. Fuller plans classes, attends dietary seminars, and immerses herself in this community to assure that CPN employees and tribal members can understand the power and vitality of how a nutritious diet can benefit their lives.

Fuller, originally from Midwest City, Okla. organizes the Healthy Heart Initiative for tribal members



Torie Fuller.

who have Type 2 diabetes. With the Healthy Heart Initiative, participants work on improving their hearts’ health, obtain group support for continued success, and also receive up to \$30 in food vouchers for FireLake Discount Foods.

“We have four classes a week for tribal members who have Type 2 diabetes. We highly recommend all tribal members who have Type 2 get into their physician to qualify for the program,” explained Fuller. “The reason why I love my job is that I have

the freedom to work creatively to guide people in the right direction to a healthy lifestyle.”

Along with Healthy Heart classes, Fuller operates many other activities including monthly cooking classes for the Healthy Heart Initiative.

Fuller is highly committed to the practice of a healthy dietary lifestyle, so much so that she chooses to lead an after-hours program for fellow employees. Once a week on Thursdays, Fuller stays late to preach the gospel of healthy practices for any and every employee that wishes to attend.

Fuller also regularly attends seminars and programs to keep up with the trends on what can bring success to a nutritionist and their practice.

“Going vegetarian or even vegan has been trending at these

seminars. A plant-based diet can be very beneficial to losing weight and living a healthier life,” explained Fuller. “People have to know that weight loss consists of 70 percent nutrition and 30 percent exercise.”

Fuller also added, “Monitoring your moderation matters the most when it comes to meal consumption.”

With National Nutrition Month coming up in March, Fuller has a lot of activities in store to help people to kick-start their healthy habits. Between the tribal youth program, the Healthy Heart Initiative, and inquisitive employees seeking a new or continued healthy routine, Fuller has the know-how, information, and programs to help.

If you have questions regarding any of these programs contact the FireLake Wellness Center at 405-395-9304.

Physical therapy clinic added to Health Services roster

In December 2013, Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Health Services added another wellness program that aims to benefit its tribal members. The Physical Therapy Program, under James Bailey is currently operating at full capacity in terms of the number of patients it sees. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Health Studies, Bailey also holds a doctorate from OU’s Health Sciences Center and will pursue certifications as an Orthopedic Certified Specialist and Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist over the next two years. The Miami, Oklahoma-native sat down with the *Hownikan* to talk about his program’s mission.

What does CPN’s Physical Therapy Program do?

“The clinic is open to any and all tribal members that are currently being seen by our physicians. Patients do not have to be Potawatomi. They can be from

any federally recognized tribe. If a patient is seen by one of our physicians and physical therapy is required then the referral will be sent to our physical therapy clinic. If we have an opening then we will gladly accept the patient. If we are full at the time of the referral, we will inform contract health that the patient needs to be referred to another local clinic. In that case, the patient will go through the same process that was in place before our physical therapy clinic opened.”

How many patients does your physical therapy clinic see?

“We schedule between 12-15 patients a day depending on lengths of appointment. We see most patients two to three times a week, so it is a very fluid schedule that changes frequently depending on their needs. At this point, when we discharge a patient we accept a new patient. Unfortunately it is hard to determine how many



James Bailey, CPN Health Services’ latest addition.

and how often we can accept new patients due to the variability of their needs. For instance, late last month we discharged six patients, but the following week didn’t discharged any.”

Why did you decide to work at CPN?

“My mother-in-law works for CPN and when she saw the opening for the PT position, she informed me of all the benefits one has when working for the tribe and how great all the people are. I have to agree with her 100 percent. In the few short months I have been employed, I can tell the difference between my past jobs and the many benefits of working for the tribe. CPN has excellent benefits and from my short experience I have noticed they truly care for the employees and are willing to do what is necessary to make the clinic the most beneficial to the patients.”

Are there differences between working in a private PT practice compared to working for the tribe?

“The tribe focuses on caring for its members first rather than meeting productivity demands and seeing as many patients as possible to

increase revenue. This is the main reason I decided to work for CPN, so that I could not only focus on better patient care but also to improve my clinical skills to better serve my patients.

Another difference is that some of the patients do not have personal insurance. While this occurs in private practices and Indian Health Service clinics, in the private sector, as a care giver, I need to continually review the chart to determine deductibles and amount of visits authorized by the insurance companies. Working for the tribe, is a non-factor, which also allows for more time spent with the patient.”

If you would like to learn more about Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Physical Therapy Clinic or other CPN Health Services, please visit www.potawatomi.org/services/health or call 405-878-4693.

Spring into fitness

By Sarah Lawerance, Fitness Trainer, CPN Wellness Center

Spring is right around the corner and I have had several people asking questions about fitness.

How do I start a fitness program?

“Try to get moving every day, whether it’s walking, running, swimming, strength training, sports, playing with the kids or whatever works for you. If you can do that you will get healthier and fitter over time.”

How long will it take for me to get in shape?

“It takes time. Any exercise program that promises results in a week, three weeks or even a month is either lying to you or not worth it. If you have a drastic weight loss in a short amount of time, you will gain it back in a short amount of time, because you haven’t changed your lifestyle or habits. You will not see quick results if you get

active, but you will see long-term results if you stick with it.”

Is eating right as important as exercising?

“What you eat is just as important as exercise. Make small changes over time to your diet. Drink more water instead of soda. Fresh fruits and vegetables will be more available because of the weather, so try to add at least one of each to your daily meal.”

If I have not been exercising, should I exercise every day?

“Take it slowly. Your body needs time to adapt to the exercise. If you overdo it, you can injure yourself or mentally burnout. Neither is good if you are trying to stick with it long term. Progress gradually, in small steps, and you will stay injury-free and see great long-term results.”



You will see long-term results if you stick with it.

I want to walk or jog a 5k. Where do I begin?

“There are a lot of different sites out there that will give you a day to day workout. One of the best is www.c25k.com.”

What type of shoes should I wear?

“If you are going to be walking, wear a walking shoe. If you are going to be doing jogging, strength training and walking, a cross-trainer shoe is best. If the shoes do

not feel good in the store, they will not feel good when you get them home. Make sure that you do a lot of walking in the store and have room in the toe area. Some shoes are specifically made for a wider foot. Do not go into a store and buy shoes just because it matches your clothes. Comfort is key!”

What are your thoughts on the television show, “The Biggest Loser”?

“It is a great, motivational show. The thing to keep in mind is that it is a competition. The competitors work out six-eight hours a day. They have only healthy food to choose from and they have medical staff and personal trainers with them the entire time. The amount of weight that is lost in a week is not reality to people who have full-time jobs and a family to take care of.”

Native Women Health Project improving lives in Indian Community

By Cara L. Thomas, OU Health Sciences Center

The Native Women Health Project (NWHP) is a research project funded by Susan G. Komen, administered by the Department of Health Promotion Sciences of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and conducted by voluntary participants of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic.

The three-year study is the continuation of a series of preliminary studies that have taken place with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. A Steering Committee was formed with representatives

from the CPN Health Clinic, tribal government and community organizations in order to provide expertise and guidance for the project. A research advisory board helps determine the direction of the research, provide advice and further recommendations. An internal review board reviews and approves the design and implementation to ensure the quality and validity of the research being conducted. The NWHP focuses on the strategy of a “shared love from generation to generation”.

This intergenerational component sets this research apart from anything that has been done with Native people, allowing for self-reflection and personalization of the information given to their specific family and lives.

The project is Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR), meaning that there is a community component where partnerships are made with organizational representatives and researchers who shared decision making and ownership of the project. The goal of this CBPR is to increase

knowledge and understanding of breast health and prevention, which will lead to interventions and policy and social change to improve the health and quality of life of the community as a whole. Specifically, this project focuses on increasing mammography rates with Native American women.

Cosponsored by the CPN Health Services and the OU Health Sciences Center, the NWHP will host an event on March 15, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The event will include music from Dewegen Kwek, the CPN women’s drum group, a regalia fashion show, Native singing and dancing and survivor stories. Lunch will be provided and attendees are encouraged to bring a loved one to share this experience and knowledge.

Those wishing to attend are requested to simply RSVP the names of those who will attend and what their relationship is to their “plus one” to Cara-Thomas@ouhsc.edu or (405)273-5236.



Bozho, Each state, the three U.S. territories and the District of Columbia has an Army National Guard. The units are sovereign organizations responding to state leadership, but can be called up, or “federalized”, to active duty during wartime. In the past 10 years, they made

up 28 percent of the 2.3 million service members who deployed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Minnesota Guard’s 34th Infantry Division’s 1st Brigade was the longest serving brigade combat team of any unit during the Iraq War, when they were activated for 22 months and spent a total of 16 months in Iraq. That would not have been possible if it were not a capable Army combat brigade. However, the less than flattering budget management of our U.S. Congress has created a rift between our nations active Army and our National Guard and Reserves. With budget cuts being suggested to create a cheaper military,

Congress is calling for a reduction in National Guard, Reserves and Active Army personnel. Bases and National Guard Armories will be closed. Vital unit missions will be transferred or eliminated which cannot help but reduce the effectiveness of our defenses and create friction between military personnel vying for their continued existence. Remember the CPN Veterans Organization is planning a banquet to honor CPN men and women who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War (5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975). Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who were in the military during that time,

please contact us so we can get a head count for scheduling the Vietnam War Veterans Banquet. Contact: Stacy Coon, Cultural Resources Cultural Heritage Center 1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, OK 74801-9002 Migwetch! Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their family are welcome. Daryl Talbot, Commander

Tips for building a respectful teenage community

By BJ Trousdale, FireLodge Tribal Youth Program Coordinator

1. Help youth celebrate cultural diversity Our youth are living in a community steeped in a variety of cultures. This is a fantastic opportunity for each individual to celebrate his or her own culture and learn to respect and appreciate the cultures of others. Native youth especially should have a good understanding of their tribal background and history, be exposed and become familiar with cultural customs, and most importantly feel proud to be a member of their community and share that with others around them.

2. Understand and respect differences Even as adults, we often forget to be respectful and understanding of differences in belief, culture, and politics. Be mindful of words you use and attitudes you display in front of young people when

discussing those that might be considered different from you. As long as we show respect to those who differ from us, our youth will see that diversity makes us stronger and more capable as a community.

3. Embrace creativity The youth of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s FireLodge Tribal Youth Program never cease to impress. They are a part of a very creative generation, constantly utilizing their talents, unique personalities and inventive imaginations to solve everyday problems. We should strive to be positive mentors who inspire and encourage imagination and creativity in young people we encounter.

March’s Featured Ogemak (Potawatomi for Leadership Council) Members Two new youth who recently



Sierra Price.

accepted a leadership role in the FireLodge Youth Council’s (FYC) Ogemak and who are striving to build a strong, proud



David Lankford.

community like the one described above are highlighted in this month’s feature. David Lankford is a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and is also

of Kiowa and Creek heritage. Currently in the seventh grade at Tecumseh Middle School, David is involved in Football and Baseball. When not playing sports in school, David also enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with family and friends, and playing stickball along with other cultural activities. He has been a member of the FYC for two years.

Sierra Price is a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and is also of Creek heritage. Sierra is an eighth grader at Tecumseh Middle School where she is active in basketball, softball, and Native American Club. Outside of school and FYC, Sierra is a domestic violence advocate, member of the Little Quarsarty Indian Baptist Church, attends stompsdances and dances Southern Cloth at pow-wows. She has been a part of the FYC for two years.

Capps awarded PhD in Humanities by Oklahoma Baptist University

Longtime educator and tribal leader Linda Capps was honored for her decades of service during the 2014 Oklahoma Baptist University Founder’s Day celebration. Capps, who in addition to serving as CPN Vice Chairman since 1990 is a board member of the Oklahoma City Branch Bank of the Kansas City Federal Reserve, was conferred as a Doctor in Humanities by the Shawnee, Okla.-based institution.

“I wasn’t expecting it, but it is an honor to be awarded a PhD from such a prestigious university,” said Capps. “I want to thank President David Whitlock and the OBU faculty members for the honor. Having this bestowed on me while my family and friends were there is something I’ll always cherish.”

Capps spent over 25 years as an educator. She taught high school business at Dover, Tecumseh, and worked at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Business and Industry Services as the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network coordinator. She was



OBU President David Whitlock presents Vice Chairman Linda Capps with her doctorate.

inducted into Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of Fame in 2010. Capps is also a former recipient of the Small Business Administration Oklahoma Minority Advocate of the Year Award. Two years ago she was

named Tecumseh’s Citizen of the Year. In addition to her place on the Oklahoma City Branch Bank of the Federal Reserve, Capps is also on the board of First National Bank and Trust of Shawnee, the Gordon Cooper Technology

Center Foundation, and is a former board member of Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma (REI) where she served for 13 years. In a letter to Vice Chairman Capps notifying her of the award, OBU

said it was awarding the degree “for her outstanding accomplishments as an educator, community leader and elected official...In honoring Linda Capps, Oklahoma Baptist University is keeping faith with the high ideals we have set for granting such degrees.”

Vice Chairman Capps joins a number of notable honorary doctorate recipients in OBU’s long history, including Shawnee Mill President Dr. William “Bill” Ford, BancFirst Corp. Chairman Dr. H.E. Gene Rainbolt, former Oklahoma Governor Raymond D. Gary and FBI Director Dr. J. Edgar Hoover.

During her response at the luncheon, Vice Chairman Capps thanked her family, including son Aaron and her three siblings, Eddie Moore and wife Sue, Marilyn Clark and husband Don and Rosa Reed and husband Hub. She closed by mentioning she now has a degree from OBU to go along with her son Brian Capps’, a 1993 graduate.

BBQ cook-off, family activities scheduled for March

Grab the family and enjoy some of the best barbecue in the region at the third annual FireLake BBQ Contest on March 29.

More than 40 competitors will compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes and guests can sample numerous recipes including beef brisket, chicken and pork. Competitors from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas will battle for the top prize. Taster kits are \$8.

Those who purchase a taster kit will get to sample the food and have a say in who goes home with the People’s Choice Award. Taster kits go on sale at 11 a.m. and are limited in quantity.

“Families should come out for a great BBQ lunch cooked by award winning BBQ artists and to enjoy all of the other events happening in this area,” said Jason Boyce, FireLake Grocery. “Bowling, mini-putt and softball are all within walking distance.”

Nearly 40 judges from the Kansas City Barbecue Society will conduct their own tasting to determine who will earn the title of Grand Champion.

All proceeds from the event will help fund events for the Shawnee Area Salvation Army.

The logo for the FireLake BBQ Cook-off. It features a cartoon pig wearing a white chef's hat and a red apron, holding a fork. The pig is in front of a stylized flame. The text "FIRELAKE" is in large, red, outlined letters, and "BBQ COOK-OFF" is in large, yellow, outlined letters. Below that, it says "SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA".

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or Jason Boyce, 405-878-4850

CPN Rural Water District 3 continues to grow

Recent Oklahoma droughts have brought the importance of good, reliable water to the forefront of many Oklahomans minds. Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 3 was created in 2001 by county residents concerned that their growing water needs couldn’t be met by reliable ground water sources. Additionally, residents were concerned that there was a lack of infrastructure to deliver potable water. A non-tribal member, John Robinson, along with residents from around the Wanette, Okla. area took the initiative to provide clean potable water to a large area in southern Pottawatomie County. The entire area encompassed by Robinson’s planned water district was within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s original jurisdictional boundaries.

In 2007, Citizen Potawatomi Nation assumed the loans that had been used to capitalize the water district and took over operations. At that time, Rural Water District 3 had approximately 570 customers. Now, more than a decade old, it



The water tower at FireLake is a staple of the skyline near CPN headquarters.

serves almost 1,000 water meters, which are used by thousands of customers around the county.

The water system is currently overseen by Public Works Director Richard Kunze.

“The eventual goal for the water

system is to be a viable enterprise for the tribe through growth,” said Kunze. “We feel like we’re heading in that direction and all we can do is keep making progress.”

The water system is a benefactor to several towns and areas in the county. It serves customers in the towns of Asher, Wanette, Tecumseh as well as most of Dale. These communities and individuals in extensive portions of rural Pottawatomie County use 7 to 10 million gallons of water a month.

The Department of Public Works is currently upgrading the water district’s infrastructure and plans on expanding in the future. Presently, there are eight water towers in the district and the department provides maintenance and operations for the St. Louis, Okla. utility water system along with another 95 customers. In the future, CPN RWD3 will be able to incorporate the St. Louis infrastructure fully into its existing water system.



The pumping and filtration system located near the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort serves customers in northern sections of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

Kunze also touched based on controversies connected to recent water shortages in western and central Oklahoma and their effect on Rural Water District 3 and its customers.

“Water disputes will continue to come and will be more intense. Rural Water District 3 is growing in size and there will be more issues regarding water in the future. The

availability of water is limited and as the number of customers begins to grow, these concerns will develop,” said Kunze. “The tribe wants to be a player so that this area can be assured a dependable water source.”

For more information on Pottawatomie County Rural Water District 3 contact the Department of Public Works at 405-383-2571.

Transit program open to all in Shawnee, Tecumseh areas

The CPN Transit Department, like many services available to citizens of the communities around tribal headquarters, is often confused for a “members only” service.

“It is our biggest challenge in some ways,” said Transit Director Denise Smith. “Our transportation program is open to everyone, tribal member or not. Our tribe, and specifically our program, is quite proud of the service we are able to provide to the local community.”

CPN’S Transit Program is a federally funded public transportation program serving all residents of the Shawnee and Tecumseh, Okla. areas free of charge. From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, its seven vehicle fleet takes customers to doctors’ appointments, shopping trips, work, and elder centers in the areas surrounding CPN Headquarters.

Smith’s role as the head of the Transportation Department builds on her previous role as the Director of the tribe’s Title VI Elders and Caregivers Program for more than 20 years. At her current position since July 2012, she oversees a staff of one transit assistant, one dispatcher and seven drivers who transport riders to Moore, Norman, Oklahoma City and the Chickasaw National Medical Clinic in Ada.

“Because we’re a free service, open to the public, our schedules fill up pretty fast, so we encourage anyone needing a ride to call as soon as possible,” said Smith. “We

take normal appointments as early as two weeks ahead of time, and for medical trips we can schedule them a month in advance. We do have cancellations, so for someone needing a same-day ride, we encourage them to call and see if we can fit them in.”

The Tribal Transit program was recently awarded a \$406,000 grant from the Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration for the 2014 fiscal year. It is the first year that the program will be administered under the new MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) legislation which was signed into law by President Barack Obama in July 2012.

“The federal funding is very important for our program,” explained Smith. “Those funds are distributed by factoring in the previous year’s statistics. In the fiscal year 2013, our department gave more than 24,000 rides, equaling approximately 209,319 miles. Our drivers spent 6,749 hours in the vehicles transporting people.”

CPN’s tribal administration has maintained its stance that the transportation program is a free service for those in need.

“There are hundreds of people in our state who either do not own a vehicle or cannot drive a vehicle for medical and other reasons,” said Vice Chairman Linda Capps, a longtime advocate of the



Joe Clay has spent 16 years as a member of the Transportation Program.



"I have a great group of drivers and staff that truly care about the job they are doing," said Transit Director Denise Smith.

program. “Denise’s people book hundreds of rides each month and I

am proud that our Nation can play a part in helping to alleviate some

of the stress for those who do not have their own transportation.”

In the end, the service provided by the staff of the CPN Transportation Program is vital to both tribal and non-tribal members who don’t have personal modes transportation. Allowing these individuals to keep their independence is what the program is centered on, Potawatomi or not.

If you are interested in learning more about the Transportation Program, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/transportation>. To schedule an appointment, please call 405-878-4833 or toll free at 1-800-880-9880.

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director, CPN Language Department

Locations in Potawatomi Many locations are indicated by taking a verb and attaching a **(w) gemek** to the word. So **wjanda** (the verb to cook) becomes **wjandawgemek** (kitchen). ‘W’ is added when the verb ends in a vowel.

Another technique to indicate a location is by adding **eje**, then the verb in the 3rd person. Eje (direction/location) **wjanda** (verb to cook) and k (them/they). So **eje wjandak** (the place they cook).

Our language often has more than one way to express things. There is one technique used with verbs that end in **ke**. The first two are the most widely used.

One more thing which can be done is that on the **gemek** words you can make it **gemgok** to indicate to that location.

So **tadiwgemek** (casino) would

be **tadiwgemek** (to the casino). Potawatomi is very specific, so there can be more than one word to describe a location. For example a horse barn would be different than a barn you keep hay in or a barn you use for storage etc.

Tasowgemek - Storage shed/ building Taso- verb to put stuff up/ store.

Wisnewewgemek - Restaurant (where food is served)

Wisnewewgemgok - At or to the restaurant.

Yaknogewgemek - Hospital yaknoge- sick, or place or sickness

Mshkekiwgemek - Hospital mshkeki- medicine place

Skongemek - School skono the verb to go to school.

Shonyawgemek - Bank shonya - money place

Shonyawgemgok - To or at the bank.

Most of our words in Potawatomi have a deeper literal meaning to them. Once you get better with the language you can start to understand how to break words apart and even how to create new words as a situation dictates by understanding the parts of the words.

Jewen - Indicates a movement of water. This is not a word by itself but the ending or final of a number of words.

Namjewen - Underground stream or water flowing under something.

Mokjewen - A bubbling spring (Mok indicates something emerging.)

Webjewen - Water starting out perhaps the area a stream begins.

Gshiwjewen - Fast moving waster.

Senajewen - Rapids (indicating the white caps you see when water flows over rocks. Sen = rock).

Wawyajewen - Whirlpool (water flowing in a circle. Wawyeya = it is round).

Gwekjewen - Water turned direction. (Gwek = to turn or slip).

Nisajewen - Waterfall or downward flowing water. (Nis = down).

Nisaki - He/she goes downhill.

Gishkjewen - Waterfall (literally a flow of water which cut off and drops).

Kwedajewen - Water flowing uphill.

Kwedaki - He/she goes uphill.

Nokjewen - Soft flowing water.

Another word ending anmet- wind blowing

Wishkanmet - Strong wind.

Nokanmet - Soft/gentle breeze.

Gezhanmet - A warm breeze.

Tkanmet - A cool breeze.

Nshiwamet - Wind blowing in all directions.

Webanmet- Wind starting to blow

Words ending in pto indicate running

Bmepto - He/she runs (literally by).

Giwepto - He/she runs home.

Giwtapto - He/she runs around

Zagjepto - He/she runs outside

Nempto - He/she runs away

Mnopto - He/she runs good/ straight.



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People of the Fire

Election 2014—Meet the Candidates: District 7

Ahead of the June 2014 elections at CPN Family Reunion Festival, the Hownikan editorial board interviews candidates in each of the competitive legislative races. Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, District 5 Legislator Gene Lambert and District 6 Legislator Rande Payne all will be running unopposed. In-person voting will be held June 28 during the annual CPN Family Festival. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail absentee ballot request forms to all eligible voters after March 1, 2013. A ballot request form will be published in future editions of the Hownikan.

We spoke with incumbent Mark Johnson, Interim Fire Chief for the Fresno/Kings Unit of CAL FIRE and Chief of the Fresno Fire Protection District and his challenger, Michael Bourbonnais, a technology professional working for California’s third largest community college district.

If you win, how would you engage District 7 constituents to make them feel more a part of the tribe?

Mark Johnson – *“I would continue the work I have been doing since I was first elected in 2010. Since District 7 is such a distance from Shawnee, Oklahoma, members do not have access to all of the same services and benefits as those in Oklahoma do. The hardest part of my job as a legislator is not being able to fulfill the needs of our members in the western U.S. 100 percent of the time. I spend a good deal of time problem solving for our members and helping them tap into other resources outside of*



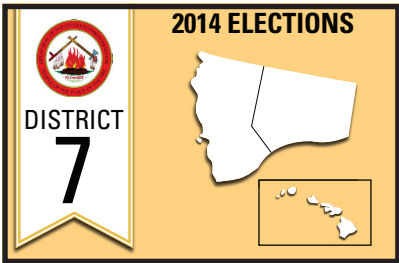
Incumbent Mark Johnson.

the tribe.

Our members also care a great deal about our collective tribal history and their family history; I have made it a point to provide meaningful guidance to those who wish to learn more about their heritage, along with serious matters like naming ceremonies, and the fun things like making regalia. Being able to watch those members connect with their heritage and family history, many for the first time, is very rewarding.”

Michael Bourbonnais – *“First, I encourage eligible CPN citizens to participate in this election. In the last District 7 election every vote cast was by absentee ballot. Therefore, please request your absentee ballot and vote. This is not the American political system. You have a voice in CPN. (See last paragraph.)*

Next, think about these questions: What does being Nishnabe mean to you? What does Bodewadmik – People of the Fire – mean? What does being a citizen of this



Neshnabe nation mean? What makes a Citizen Potawatomi different from the American? Not definition of terms; what do these things mean to you? We will discuss and answer these important questions for ourselves as we work together to make things happen in a good way.”

What is the most pressing issue you see facing the tribe?

Mark Johnson – *“There are several pressing issues facing the tribe, one that will never go away is the job of protecting tribal sovereignty. As our Nation expands and strengthens its financial standing in the world, the state and local governments that the Nation deals with look for ways to challenge that sovereignty. Another issue is being able to sustain the economic growth the Nation needs to maintain in order to meet the needs of the ever growing population of the tribe. Not just now, but into the future.”*

Michael Bourbonnais – *“The most pressing issue facing the tribe - that deserves rigorous action - is cultural enhancement. We want to be connected with our tribal ancestors, history, language, culture, and current affairs.”*

How would you propose addressing it?

Mark Johnson – *“Stability of the Nation’s governmental branches,*



Challenger
Michael Bourbonnais.

both executive and legislative. Stability gives confidence, not only to businesses who have dealings with the Nation, but to the people who visit our businesses and drive our Nation’s economic engine. It also sends a strong message to other governmental entities who may attempt to infringe on our tribal sovereignty that they will not have an easy task. A stable government is a strong government.”

Michael Bourbonnais – *“Education and exposure: District 7 deserves a representative that is passionate about his Nishnabe heritage. One that is capable to help our people pick-up things left behind; to regain and enhance their sense of tribal belonging. During CPN Festival 2013, I spoke to everyone that would listen about enhancing our Potawatomi culture. I spoke to Legislators, Executive, CPN directors, the staff of the Hownikan and fellow Potawatomi. All agreed. We want our culture. Therefore, we are planning cultural-centered events*

throughout District 7. Themes will include traditional ceremony, language, cultural teachings, tribal and family history, talking circles, sharing, caring, and feasting the Potawatomi way. Celebrate our native heritage!”

Turnout is low in tribal elections given the numbers of registered and eligible voters. Why do you think it is important for tribal members to vote?

Mark Johnson – *“Voting is how a free people, like the Citizen Potawatomi have a say in how their tribe is run. Since time began, and the eagle saw the prayer smoke rise from our lodges, we have all had a voice in how our tribe is run and the direction it would take. It is a serious responsibility that we should all take part in, and in doing so we honor our heritage and ancestors who made sure we were on the right path.”*

Michael Bourbonnais – *“Fortunately, our Neshnabe nation does not rely on bipartisan system of government. By tradition and constitutional design, each eligible Citizen Potawatomi can have a voice in our nation’s affairs. Our Neshnabek ancestors fought, and sometimes were killed, defending our peoples’ sovereignty. Equally, our contemporary leaders work hard to give us opportunity. As Potawatomi, as God’s uniquely created people, we honor those who came before us, our leaders and our blessings. We participate. Voting is our way to give thanks, to exercise political power; to be heard, and to leave legacy in a good way for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. Nin se Michael Bourbonnais.”*

Election 2014—Meet the Candidates: District 8

In this edition, we spoke to District 8 incumbent Dave Carney, a real estate broker and challenger Clyde Slavin, an optometrist.

If you win, how would you engage District 8’s constituents to make them feel more a part of the tribe?

Dave Carney – *“In my current term as the District 8 Legislator I have brought the government to the people by having meetings in Anchorage, Portland, Missoula, Coeur d’Alene, Spokane, Eugene, Wasilla, Seattle and Olympia. Many members had never before been to a CPN event or traveled to the Nation. Friendships have been formed and family ties have been re-kindled at these gatherings.*

I also hold an annual Fall Feast event that brings the traditions and history of the tribe to our members, including genealogy, traditional dance, beadwork and other crafts, which has become a popular and well-attended event. If re-elected, I plan to continue this outreach.

I also send out regular e-mail updates several times per month and have created a closed Facebook group exclusively for District 8. Feedback from members is that they are experiencing a sense of tribal community.”

Clyde Slavin – *“Several years ago at a regional meeting in Tacoma, Wash., Chairman Barrett introduced the tradition of naming. My comment to my wife was this made perfect sense. With the growth in membership we need traditions to maintain connections to our Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I would seek Citizen Potawatomi Nation traditions to promote, not those of other tribes and cultures*



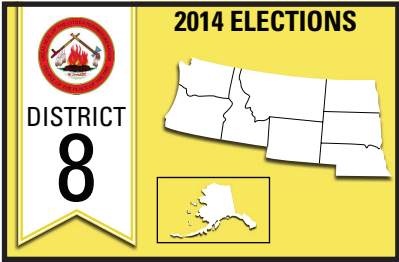
Incumbent Dave Carney.

that are labeled Native American or American Indian. We are Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a distinct tribe with our own traditions.

To immediately make the Citizen Potawatomi in District 8 feel more a part of the tribe, I would contact every member where possible by phone or in person and ask three questions. First, is there something I can help you with? Second, do you know of a need our Citizen Potawatomi Nation should address? Third, do you know of someone in our tribe that needs help now? With every resource available to me I would proceed to find answers or solutions to their responses.”

What is the most pressing issue you see facing the tribe?

Dave Carney – *“The greatest issue facing the Nation is the same as facing the U.S. as a whole. Our population is getting older and people are living longer while facing financial and health challenges. How will the Nation help to fill the needs of this growing group?”*



Clyde Slavin – *“The most pressing issue facing the tribe is equality. The foundation of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is good, strong and functions.”*

How would you propose addressing it?

Dave Carney – *“The diversification of our enterprises away from the “sin” base of gaming and tobacco is key to generating enough income to continue to support and expand programs to assist our elders. I am proud of my voting record to grow our businesses and my support of the development of projects like the Iron Horse Industrial Park for the future.*

Tax revenues generated from businesses that may relocate or start up on our land (as a result of the HEARTH act) will also be key to having the financial means to take care of our elders through programs like the mail order pharmacy and senior housing.

A key part of my job has been assisting elders’ access the benefits currently available to them.”

Clyde Slavin – *“Further change is needed in our constitutional system to provide for equality, one man- one vote. I favor all 16 of the representatives seated on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature be elected from equally apportioned districts, not just the*



Challenger Clyde Slavin.

legislators from Districts 1 thru 8. It is time to work toward equality of voting power as well as equality of services provided for every Citizen Potawatomi Nation member.”

Turnout is low in tribal elections given the numbers of registered and eligible voters. Why do you think it is important for tribal members to vote?

Dave Carney – *“Turnout for District 8 is about 5 percent of the members living in the district. It’s important for people to have their voices heard in the direction they want the tribe to go. I believe as people feel more connected to the tribe we will continue to see participation grow, however, I do feel that the process currently in place is too cumbersome and should be streamlined.*

I’d like to see members register to vote and to be able to vote on a secure website by providing their tribal ID number and an electronic signature. The current method of requesting an absentee

ballot each time and then mailing a paper copy needs to change in the coming years.”

Clyde Slavin – *“Election turnout will always be a problem, but we can make it better.*

First, once registered to vote there should not be a need to request a ballot with each election. If the address doesn’t change the Citizen Potawatomi Nation voter receives a ballot. All postage will be paid by the tribe. Second, the election campaigns need to provide a candidate pamphlet to all eligible voters in a district with an election. Third, ballots should be time sensitive. Distribution of ballots will only occur after every candidate has a timely opportunity to address the voters, either in person or by mailings. Forth, limited campaign mailings should be available to registered voters, at the expense of the candidates. Fifth, any email list collected by the incumbent through the requests published by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the Hownikan will be available to all candidates for use.

The importance to vote is important to effect change and raise concerns. Support the system but always look for ways to improve it.”

Dr. Clyde B. Slavin can be reached phone 360-909-3776 or email at clyde.slavin@gmail.com.

Voter information letters and ballot request cards were mailed Feb. 19. Ballots will be mailed after May 1.

CPN awarded Notah Begay III Foundation grant

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has secured funding from the Notah Begay III Foundation to fund a project specifically aimed at combating childhood obesity and Type 2 Diabetes. The grant, worth \$18,745, is part of the foundation's national initiative, Native Strong: Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures.

The purpose of this capacity building grant will see a CPN-committee formed to develop a strategic plan addressing the issues of childhood obesity and type 2 Diabetes.

"The epidemic rates of type 2 diabetes and childhood obesity among Native Americans is so severe that our children may be the first generation to not outlive their parents," stated NB3F Executive Director, Crystal Echo Hawk. "We believe CPN's initiative and tireless efforts will ensure that Native American children buck the trends that are devastating the health of Native Americans and give hope and promise to a generation that it is possible to Live Healthy, Live Native."

Starla Griffith, Clinic Manager for CPN Health Services, is the interim project director.

According to figures from Indian



Getting healthy lifestyles started at a young age is key to combatting Type 2 Diabetes.

Health Services, from 1994-2004, there was a 68 percent increase in diabetes for Native American and

Alaskan Native youth between the ages of 15-19 years old. It estimated that 30 percent of all

Native Americans and Alaskan Natives have pre-diabetes, while 95 percent of this population that

does have diabetes is afflicted with Type 2.

"The statistics facing Native American youth when it comes to childhood obesity and the health consequences later in life are staggering," said Griffith. "So a project like this, which specifically aims at promoting a healthy lifestyle at a young age, is critical to changing these figures."

Typically, CPN uses federal grants to assist funding for tribal programs and projects which benefit tribal members, but this specific project is funded by the non-profit, Notah Begay III foundation. The opportunity was discovered by the office of Self-Governance.

"The Notah Begay III Foundation was founded by its namesake, a famous Native American professional golfer, who seeks to provide funding for Native American tribes to mitigate and prevent childhood obesity," said Tesia Zientek, Grants and Contracts Coordinator for CPN's office of Self-Governance. "When our office saw this, we knew the funding purpose matched our community's need, so it was an easy decision to go after it."

CPN WIC finds success with new computer system

Citizen Potawatomi Nation WIC recently updated the computer system used to serve clients. The new program, Spirit, is a web based program and allows WIC counselors to see participant information and update participant benefits instantly.

"The new SPIRIT system allows us to see participants faster and provide better one on one nutrition education counseling," said Shelley Schneider, WIC director. "We are also able to better serve our authorized vendors with the new SPIRIT system. With the old system, vendors would have to submit vouchers to our office for payment, which could take up to weeks to process a payment. With SPIRIT, vendors are able to deposit the WIC check just like a personal check, and thus vendors



Citizen Potawatomi Nation's WIC building is located next to the tribal administration building.

Food and Nutrition Service to secure the funding to transfer to EBT."

All women, who are either pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum, infants and children up to the age of five, are eligible to participant on WIC. All must meet the eligibility guidelines, which consist of income, categorically eligible and be at nutritional risk.

CPN has operated the WIC program for more than 34 years and currently serves a seven county area in central Oklahoma. The seven counties include Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Logan, Payne, Oklahoma, and Seminole counties. The monthly average service population includes 120 women, 309 infants, and 584 children.

receive their payments faster."

All WIC staff members attended week-long training and were trained in the areas of adding new participants, certifying of participants and creating food

prescriptions for the participant. Federal law mandates that all WIC Programs are Electronic Benefit Transfer, ready by the year 2020.

"The new program means that we're one step closer to being

in compliance with the 2020 regulations," added Schneider. "CPN WIC is part of the Oklahoma Indian Tribal Organization EBT consortium, which is in the process of submitting all the necessary documents to USDA

CORRECTED LOCATION INFORMATION

DISTRICT 2 MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014 FROM 11:30AM TO 2:30PM

Please be my guest at the Golden Corral buffet as we share family information and ideas. We'll also be addressing any CPN-related questions you may have.

LOCATION CORRECTED:

11731 EAST COLONIAL DRIVE, ORLANDO, FL 32817
407-902-2979



Please RSVP to me, Eva Marie Carney, via email at ecarney@potawatomi.org or call toll-free 1-866-961-6988.

DISTRICT 2 MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 FROM 11AM TO 2PM

LOCATION CORRECTED:

SOUTH MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETING ROOM
8601 BRYANT FARMS RD., CHARLOTTE N.C. 28277

www.smpchome.org

Please be my guest at the April 5 meeting and luncheon. If arrangements are made with me well in advance, there will also be a naming ceremony afterward.



Please RSVP to me, Eva Marie Carney, via email at ecarney@potawatomi.org or call toll-free 1-866-961-6988.

Save the Date:

Saturday, March 15, 2014 in New York City!

We have arranged a 2 p.m. guided tour of the special exhibit, Anishnaabe Artists of the Great Lakes, at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian outpost in Manhattan (close to Wall Street).

We have just 40 slots so RSVP soon for this joint District #1/District #2 event (there will be a waiting list).

We expect to host a brunch before at a near by restaurant and are working out the details.

Keep checking www.evamariecarney.com for more information.

- Bama pi, Legislators Roy Slavin & Eva Marie Carney (rslavin@potawatomi.org and ecarney@potawatomi.org)



Detective La’Trenda Sanders looking out for youth and families

There is a challenge that staff members of the FireLodge Youth and Family Services face that most tribal employees do not; when a job is well done, it only means another, possibly more challenging, case is set to begin.

“I think one of the biggest challenges I face in my day-to-day work is not having enough time to help everyone I need to,” explained Detective La’Trenda Sanders of FireLodge Youth and Family Services.

It is a common response from CPN staff members who work with the tribe’s most vulnerable members.

Born and raised in Virginia, Detective Sanders has more than a decade’s experience working with juveniles and families since starting as a school resource officer in her home state in 2000.

“I have always felt it is my calling to be the voice for children that have none,” said Sanders. “I’m that voice for when they feel like they cannot get out of the bad situations they are in.”

Relocating in 2004, Sanders became an investigative specialist for the Harrah, Oklahoma Police Department. There she was responsible for all investigations into cases of child abuse, domestic violence or any related crimes where families were victimized.

Elaborating on her motivations to take on such emotionally draining

issues, Sanders explained, “It has never been okay with me to see a child, an elderly person or someone who is mentally or physically handicapped or simply weaker than most to be abused.”

The CLEET certified-officer was recruited to Citizen Potawatomi Nation in 2009 as a member of the tribal police force and as Indian Child Welfare’s detective and juvenile affairs officer. In addition to cases in tribal jurisdiction, she also works with law enforcement and family services in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.

“I initially became a forensic interviewer for children to help stop their suffering from all types of abuse, be it mental, sexual, physical or emotional. I decided to take the job with the Nation because I enjoy working with children and families. It is tough work, but I enjoy helping end the abuse they are suffering.”

Like all of the staff at CPN’s FireLodge Youth and Family Services Department, Sanders is cross trained across the different offices that fall under the department’s responsibilities, including family preservation, Indian Child Welfare and the House of Hope domestic violence prevention program. Despite the distinctions in their names and on paper responsibilities, Sanders and her coworkers operate more like one department, with each staff member understanding the



Detective La’Trenda Sanders.

responsibilities and case work of the others.

“I think as a whole, we as a department are more than coworkers,” said Sanders. “It’s more like a family. We’re a good support system for each other.”

FireLodge Youth and Family Services Director Janet Draper hired Sanders and oversees her work.

“As a certified forensic interviewer, Detective Sanders does an excellent job,” said Draper. “She also is responsible for escorting Indian Child Welfare and family preservation staff on

home visits and court cases, a challenging job if there is one. She’s dedicated and hardworking, and like our other staff, goes above and beyond to ensure those we look after are safe.”

Detective Sanders’ responsibilities don’t end with her job as a juvenile officer and forensic interviewer. Given tribal jurisdiction over all Potawatomi youth around the country, she manages out-of-state Indian Child Welfare cases as well.

Yet the fact remains that the job never stops, which can be emotionally draining to even the most experienced youth advocate.

Yet there is a silver lining for those like Detective Sanders who often see the worst.


“What makes it worth it for me is knowing even if I only manage to save one child or turn them around so they can survive the trauma they’ve endured, they’ve got a chance at a better life,” said Sanders. “Seeing them succeed and go on to help others that are going through the same thing, it completes the circle of healing in their lives. Its knowing that while they may never be the person they were before they endured their trauma, they still know they can be successful.”

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Re-Elect Mark A. Johnson Legislator, District #7

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the District #7 Legislator since being elected by the people in 2010. I am proud of my voting record working on behalf of our members. **I am asking for your continued trust and your vote in the upcoming election, standing together we are strong.** Our Nation has grown well past 30,000 members, but through the hard work of the legislature and the executive team in Shawnee, we have been able to maintain a strong financial position to protect the benefits that so many of our members depend on, such as our mail order pharmacy and health aids for our elders and disabled, and the educational scholarship program for our youth. I hope to continue this work on behalf of the members I represent in District #7.

I can only do so with the votes of the members in District #7, please exercise your right to vote and return the request for a ballot when it arrives.

Legislator Mark A. Johnson, *Wisk Mtek* (Strong as a Tree)
District #7, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
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Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Bourbonnais, Anderson and Peltier families




District 7 Representative

- Defend CPN’s inalienable right of self-governance given it by Creator God**
- Honor all Potawatomi—past, present and future generations**
- Enhance health and human services**
- Provide quality opportunities**
- Preserve Potawatomi language, culture, history, and traditions**

Bourbonnais and Anderson family representatives signed the treaties asserting Citizen Potawatomi Nation sovereignty. These were among the first of seven Potawatomi families to move from the Kansas reservation and settle Indian Territory (1872).

Mno widokewénké — community togetherness to make things happen in a good way

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Mnogabwumko (Bear who stands in good position)

Antoine Bourbonnais

Mary Anne (Anderson) Bourbonnais

District 1 — Roy Slavin



Bozho nikanek,

Today is Feb. 6, and as I write this article for the Hownikan, the temperature is zero degrees in Kansas City this morning with a predicted high of 10 degrees along with 10 inches of snow on the ground. Quite a shock to the system of someone who has just returned from a cruise in the

southern Caribbean. It’s on days like this I look forward to Festival and that Oklahoma warmth, not only the temperature but the great people we meet at Festival. Two things stand out for me during festival, the PLP kids from the different departments who have just started working for the Nation and the numerous naming ceremonies that are scheduled during festival.

The PLP, if you are not aware is the Potawatomi Leadership Program. It has been in place since 2003 and is designed to give workplace experience and earnings for college. The program is open only to enrolled tribal members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In order to qualify for the program, students must have a 3.0 grade point average entering either senior year of high school or freshman or sophomore

year of college. They must also be willing to devote six weeks of their summer to the citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee, Okla. Students are provided with dormitory style housing in a home near the CPN headquarters. Their duties are to learn how the tribe operates, study the constitution and participate in cultural activities. In addition, they are expected to bring, make or purchase regalia during their stay. They will write a term paper about their experiences and then present an oral report based on their paper to the executive committee. I won’t discuss the naming ceremony in this article but will be happy to discuss it with anyone interested in getting their name. I can be reached by regular mail, email or toll free phone. My contact information is available at the end of this article.

I very much look forward to the updates available on the CPN website about Wadase Zhabwe (Brave Breakthrough) the injured eagle that was nursed back to health by our aviary staff Jennifer Randall and Bree Dunham. Wadase was released last April and continues to remain in the area. She fishes and hunts along the Canadian River that is the northern border of the tribe’s land and appears to be doing well. Wadase was fitted with a GPS tracker thereby enabling Jennifer and Bree to follow her progress. She has made several visits to the aviary since the first of the year just to visit and be near the eagles she knows. If you would like to read the updates, current and past, please visit www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If

you live in Missouri, east of Missouri and north of Arkansas you are in District 1. If you do not get e-mail or regular mail from me occasionally it is because I do not have your contact information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information. My email address is Rslavin@potawatomi.org, Mail address is Roy Slavin PO box 901873, Kansas City Mo.64190, and can be reached toll free at 1-888-741-5767. I would also like to hear from the veterans in my district, When and where you served etc. and from one veteran to another thank you for your service.

Migwetch

Netagtege (Always Planting)

District 2 — Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikanek (Hello friends)!

Last weekend, while hiking with a friend near Beagle Gap in Shenandoah National Park outside Crozet, Va. on a clear, temperate morning, we happened upon a flock of bluebirds enjoying time in the park meadowland, in all their blue and red glory! It was a fine sight and one I’ll keep close while the cold winds continue to blow here in the mid-Atlantic! *Spring is coming!*

A further sign that spring is on the way is that I’m spending time juggling CPN citizen emails and RSVP lists.

1. Our NYC brunch/visit to the National Museum of the American Indian in downtown Manhattan Saturday, March 15, starting at 11 a.m. (tour at 1 p.m.) I’ve arranged for a second tour, starting at 3:30 p.m. so no one needs to feel left out, and it is “Celebrate Anishnabe Art Day” at the museum so there will be gobs of talks/movies/basket-making and other arts-focused events to take in on that Saturday, even if you did not RSVP in time to secure a spot for the brunch and 1 p.m. tour.

2. Our brunch/lunch in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, March 29, starting at 11:30 a.m. at a Golden Corral Restaurant in Orlando, where we will have a leisurely lunch and a nice visit together.

3. Our Saturday, April 5 meeting/hot lunch (and naming ceremony afterward if arranged) in Charlotte, N.C. starting at 11 a.m. at the meeting room of the South

Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church.

4. I’m also sorting through emails/entries responding to the District 2 New Year contest - please don’t forget to send your own original drawings or photographs for use in a CPN-themed calendar, by the midnight, April 15 deadline. A couple entries are reprinted here – thanks for your early submissions Jamie Kindt and Jack Brolier (both from Arkansas).

Details on all the meetings and contest details are on my website, on either the homepage (meetings) and in my February Hownikan column (contest details) posted to the site.

Here is an update on two developments on topical issues I’ve been covering in these columns.

1. Domestic Violence Prosecution Authority - Under a U.S. Department of Justice pilot project, three tribal nations are now authorized to exercise criminal jurisdiction over domestic and dating violence when a non-Indian man is involved. This new jurisdiction covers perpetrators known to the victim – but not rape by a stranger. As one advocate put it: “We have always known that non-Indians can come onto our lands and they can beat, rape and murder us and there is nothing we can do about it. Now, our tribal officers have jurisdiction for the first time to do something about certain crimes. But it is just the first sliver of the full moon that we need to protect us.”

While so limited, it is a step in the right direction. This authorization has been given to the Pasuca Yaqui of Arizona, the Tulalip of Washington state, and the Umatilla of Oregon. Other tribal nations, the CPN included, will have this jurisdiction in March 2015, the general effective date for the amendment to the 2013 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. An excellent piece on the issue of violence against Native women and girls ran in The Washington Post this weekend – if you Google “New law offers protection to



District 2 contest entry, "Mother and Daughter," photo submitted by Jamie Kindt.

abused Native American women” and Washington Post you will find it. Please keep in mind that our Nation, through the dedicated staff in our House of Hope domestic violence program, offers clients emergency shelter, counseling services, legal assistance, emergency transportation and financial assistance, and educates family members through parenting classes. Please keep at hand the following numbers, should you, a loved one or neighbor need them: Citizen Potawatomi Nation Domestic Violence Program, 405-275-3176 or 800-799-7233; Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police 24hr Dispatch, 405-878-4818, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-787-3244.

2. U.S. Congress Focusing Some Attention on “Redskins” Name Change - This morning’s paper reported that an Oklahoma Senator (Tom Cole) and a Washington state Senator (Maria Cantwell) have now written to the NFL Commissioner urging him and the league “to take a formal position in support of a [Washington Redskins] name change.”

Among the statements in the letter are that: “The NFL can no longer ignore this and perpetuate the use



Keith and Mary Archer, Pokagon Gathering 2013," photo submitted by Jack Brolier of Arkansas.

of this name as anything but what it is: a racial slur,” and “It is not appropriate for this multibillion dollar . . . tax-exempt organization to perpetuate and profit from the continued degradation of tribes and Indian people.”

The Redskins organization responded in what I consider worse-than-tone-deaf fashion, but as The Washington Post coverage noted, “The letter is significant because each lawmaker has the perch to increase the public pressure on [Redskins owner Dan] Snyder and the Redskins.”

As further explained, “Cantwell is chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, holding the power to hold hearings and issue subpoenas. Cole is popular on both sides of the aisle and is a senior member of the appropriations committee. He is a member of the Chickasaw tribe and one of two Native Americans in Congress, according to the Congressional Research Service.”

I’ll keep you informed of further developments as the year progresses.

Please don’t be put off by the distance between us, let’s connect - Building our CPN community in District 2 continues to be my top priority as your Legislator. Write, call or email me – and I ask that if you leave a message on my phone line, you say your name and provide your phone number slowly and clearly – I have some messages that I can’t quite make out and I am sorry if you haven’t heard back from me but that is why.

Kindest regards,

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District 3 – Robert Whistler



Bohzo nikan:

I live in Texas State District 92

and several of the candidates have been sending out information on a non-stop basis. Some of it is very misleading and at times borders on being bold face lies! When you see this in political advertising, be sure to ask questions.

Before becoming your representative for District 3, I served as a legislator at large on the City Council for Bedford, Texas. In Bedford, the voter turn out is very similar to the national average. Generally well under twenty-five percent and at times only nine to ten percent of the eligible voters. This is pitiful to say the least.

Many voters don’t vote because they feel that their vote does not count. In the city elections, as well as in a number of the CPN elections, there have been times when one or two votes were all that separated the winner from the loser.

This last several years has brought some good times and some government changes that have not been that great for many of our fellow citizens. 2014 is going to be a year where we will see both parties trying to either maintain their majority in the Senate or the House of Representatives. I believe that some

very hard choices need to be made by these elected officials who represent us both in Texas and in Washington DC.

Whatever party you belong to, you need to vote in each and every election. If you are not registered, then please get registered. For the primary elections in March for the individual party candidates in Texas, it is too late to register. But for the May and November elections, now is the time to get registered.

In closing, I am proud to serve as the representative for District 3 and am

very honored that you elected me to this position. If you have questions or think that I can be of assistance on a tribal question, please contact me.

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District 4 — Jon Boursaw



Replacement of Boubonnais Creek Bridge signs: Part 3 - For the past

couple of weeks I have been collecting documentation to support our request to have the spelling of Bourbonnais Creek corrected by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN). As you recall it is currently spelled Bourbonais. In December KDOT finally agreed to replace the signs but they do not have the authority to correct the spelling. So far I have supporting letters from the Kansas Geographic Names Authority, the Kansas Water Office, the Shawnee County Historical Society and I’m expecting to receive a letter from the Director of the Kansas Historical

Society within the next few days.

In addition I am including documents from the Tribal Archives, as well as articles from back issues of the Hownikan, all of which confirm the spelling. The Kansas Heritage Foundation previously published lists of fords, ferries, bridges in Kansas and northeast Kansas Rivers and Creeks, both of which state that Peter Bourbonnais operated a toll bridge across Bourbonnais Creek in Shawnee County. If this isn’t enough, I don’t know what is.

Our request to the BGN will be



Governor Brownback and I.

Boursaw continued...

submitted as soon as I receive the letter from the Kansas Historical Society. I’ve been informed that the BGN does not meet on a regularly scheduled basis and that it may take a month or two before we hear anything.

Gift to Governor Brownback - Recently I had the pleasure of presenting Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas, with a ceramic lamp with the CPN seal on the front as

a token of our thanks and appreciation for the proclamation he presented to us last Sept. at Sugar Creek and for the time he spent with us that day. His interest in what our ancestors experienced as a result of our forced removal to Kansas was evident in his recent State of the State address when he said, “Last year, I traveled with descendants of the survivors of the Potawatomi Trail of Death to near Mound City to remember,

acknowledge, and apologize for the barbarous treatment of Native Americans moved to Kansas.”

FYI, these lamps are available in the CPN Gift Shop in Shawnee, Okla. You can also their merchandise online at <https://giftshop.potawatomi.org>.

District 4 member surveys - I want to thank those of you who have submitted your surveys. I am entering your information into a data base and

will start responding to the requests for information on the various topics within the next few weeks. I sincerely appreciate the information and comments which I have received. If you haven’t submitted your survey I would encourage you to fill it out and return it to me at your earliest convenience. Call or e-mail me if you need a replacement survey.

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District 5 — Gene Lambert



We hope that you had a wonderful Valentines Day and took the time to let those you love experience the “sharing of caring”.

There are many of us who carry the stories of our lives and those who affected change in our minds every day.

I had a friend who had an honor wall for all those who influenced the growth and sometimes the mere survival in life. It was for that person who held out a hand when we needed assistance.

I think I have said it before. Show me a man who says he is self-made and I will show you a fool. I do not remember who said it first because it

wasn’t me. I just remember the value of the saying.

During the last few months it has been interesting to me to watch the way we acknowledge those who have been supportive toward our success.

There is a woman who lost her husband years ago and wanted to do something in his honor. She created the Storyteller Doll. It has crossed the Mexican Border, Chinese, and Native American beginning in New Mexico in or about 1964.

The Story Teller is the voice that passes on our history and is seen in many cultures as the connection from generation to generation. Her was created I understand here in the United States yet was a part of the Chinese culture generations prior.

She is the doll that has children attached to her wanting to learn and experience the meaning of love.

This would depict the importance and value in passing down your history to the young. They may not want to hear it, but the stories are still important.

I remember my great-grandfather



Photo courtesy of Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.

talking to me about how his life experience included covered wagons to jets in the air. What expansion in one lifetime.

My generation went from radio

to televisions, then rockets to the moon and beyond. We now have space stations that exist from the contributions and cooperation of several countries with one goal in mind, the basic survival of the

species.

While I didn’t really want to hear it at the time I am so grateful that today I know those stories to tell my family. They don’t want to hear it either.

“You told me that, Mom, a thousand times,” they will say.

Never mind! Just keep telling your stories because the day will come when it is important to them and they too will pass it on.

You can’t “Google” life. Nor can they read about your personal experience in a history class.

Learn about the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation so you can pass it on to the next generation. It will be as valuable to them as it is to you.

I would love to hear your stories and perhaps with your permission I can pass them on to others.

Take care and have a great “March”.

Personal Regards,

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District 6 — Rande Payne



Ahau Jayek!

In last month’s column I touched briefly on the water crisis here in the state of California. We are currently in the midst of one of the driest rainy seasons on record. I’m happy to report that as I’m typing this month’s column, I’m enjoying the sound of gently falling rain! Thank you! Thank you! Very much needed and greatly

appreciated. We humans are such a strange lot. So often it takes a lack of something to move us from abandon to appreciation. Maybe the old saying is true: “you don’t know what you’ve got until it’s gone”.

So the question is are we born with a spirit of gratitude or is genuine appreciation something learned? Thankfulness seems so present in some and nearly absent in others. But why? Generosity seems to vary among people as well. I wonder why that is. I don’t know for sure but I do know that when Columbus encountered American Indians he was amazed at what he found. He found them very pleasant in nature, friendly, welcoming and generous. Unfortunately, instead of appreciating their admiral qualities he saw them as weaknesses and exploited them for his own personal gain. But that’s a topic for another day. However,

it does contrast two very different natures found in the human race.

In Anishnaabe culture we have the Seven Grandfathers Teachings. These seven teachings or traits for living a good way of life are: wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth. The story told in The Mishomis Book by Edward Benton-Banai is that the Anishnaabe had fallen away from living in a good way so the Creator gave each of Seven Grandfathers a principle to teach. By the time a child left The Seven Grandfathers he or she had learned seven very important principles for living in a good way.

Based on this model, one might conclude that good character is learned. But in order to learn one must be taught. In Anishnaabe culture guiding principles for a good way of life are taught by grandfathers. So where are all the grandfathers? It

seems there is a shortage of those with the wisdom to value good guiding principles, practice them in their own life and teach them to others. If Columbus were to discover America today, he would find a culture among the people much more like his own than that of the inhabitants in 1492.

As a grandfather of three, I am inclined to embrace these teachings now more than ever. I pray for strength and determination to live by them and the ability to pass them on to my children and grandchildren.

There is so much we can learn from our ancestors’ way of life and apply in our lives today. That doesn’t mean we should all go back to living in wigwams but there are things we can learn from our past that will enrich our lives today. I’m proud of my Potawatomi heritage. I believe all my relations who walked the earth before me did their best to live life

in a good way and those are some big moccasins to fill!

Please accept my heart felt appreciation for allowing me to be your representative. I cherish the opportunity to learn and share. I am looking forward to a good and meaningful time together at our gathering in San Diego this month.

“rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness”. Colossians 2:7

Migwetch! Bama pi,

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District 7 — Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek/ Hello Friends,

Since the meeting I held in Elk Grove in mid-January, I have received several inquires about where to acquire regalia making supplies. A

couple of suppliers that I have used in the past with reasonable prices are the Noc Bay Trading Company (800) 652-7192 www.nocbay.com or Crazy Crow Trading Post (800) 786-6210 www.crazycrow.com. They both carry supplies and manufactured goods with the floral designs that are part of our heritage.

Colors that are prevalent in Potawatomi regalia are the same as other upper and western Great Lakes tribes. Background colors are chalk white, yellow, light blue, Cheyenne pink, crystal, and occasionally black, Navy blue, and even dark, transparent red and medium, transparent green. Design colors are virtually all shades of all colors, with stylized floral

motifs worked on a background of buckskin or Navy, red or black cloth without a fully beaded background.

Once the Potawatomi were relocated to Kansas, their regalia showed influence from the other prairie tribes with background colors of chalk white, and occasionally yellow, light blue, Cheyenne pink and crystal. Oftentimes it is somewhat difficult to distinguish between what is background and what are motifs or designs, as these tribes were very good at creating optical illusions and using negative space in their beadwork. Stylized floral motifs were usually worked on a background of buckskin or Navy, red or black cloth, without a fully beaded background.

Design colors were virtually all shades of colors, with red, yellow, corn yellow, light blue, Pony trader/ powder blue, Navy blue, Cheyenne pink, dark green and medium green being most common.

Once again I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. 2014 is an election year for District 7, I hope I have earned your trust and support, but the most important part is your vote. Please take the time to make your voice heard. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled

to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

Migwetch / Thank You,

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District 8 — Dave Carney



Bozho, District 8 members –

Last week my son, Nick, received a check from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation made out to him, and the University of Washington. This was

his scholarship money which he endorses over to the school to help cover tuition costs. Coincidentally, the same day, I received a series of emails from a member in Washougal, Wash. regarding her son’s desire to learn more about how the Nation can assist him with college in a year and a half or so. We later spoke on the phone about the programs and about the Potawatomi Leadership Program which he may be interested in.

I am proud of the benefits the Nation offers our members throughout the country, not just in Oklahoma, and can’t overemphasize how appreciated they are by our people when they are used. Additionally, I will also tell you that native guests that we have hosted at our District 8 gatherings have been

very impressed as well. These would include Eklutna, Tlingit, Nisqually, Snoqualmie, Choctaw, Cherokee and most recently, Duwamish. One comment (which will remain anonymous) was that their tribe doesn’t offer anything close to what we do.

It occurred to me that this might be a good time to line out the benefits that are available to us in District 8. More information, deadlines and application forms are available on www.dave-carney.com.

Housing Benefits – Once time grant program of \$2,150 for purchase or re-finance of a primary (stick built) home. Please note that manufactured homes do not qualify.

Eye Glasses - Health Aid Foundation – Reimbursement of up to \$750 per calendar year for prosthetics, bridgework, and eye glasses, etc. Please note that this program was enhanced in the May 2012 Legislative session by the passage of 12-69HHS Health Aids Eligibility Resolution. This legislation changed the birthdate requirement from 1971 to 1976 and added many members who are now able to access the program.

Burial Policy - Up to \$2,000 burial assistance to pay for final arrangements. You may not appreciate it – but your loved ones will!

Tribal Scholarship - \$1,500 per semester for full-time and \$750 for

part-time college students. This can be used for trade schools and masters programs as well.

Student Housing Assistance – This benefit is only available to those awarded the Tribal Scholarship; this is for spring and fall semesters only and amounts to \$675 per semester.

Mail order pharmacy – Members 63 or older or those who are totally disabled can receive their prescription drugs at no cost if

they are available on the CPN formulary.

There are other programs that District 8 members can use to get connected and stay connection to the Nation

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such as the language departments online classes. Another group is the CPN Veteran’s Organization that all members who served honorably

in the armed forces are invited to join. There are numerous Facebook groups where members post daily.

If you have a son or daughter that will be at least eighteen years old by July and either a senior in high school or a freshman in college, consider encouraging them to apply to the Potawatomi

Leadership Program. This is an

internship opportunity for our youth to rotate through the tribal enterprises, witness the workings of the tribal government and immerse themselves in their Potawatomi culture and family. You can get more information from me or go to www.potawatomi.org for more details.

In closing, I will say that I enjoy hearing from you. If you do not get regular updates from me I don’t have your email address. Please call, write or email me.

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District 9—Paul Wesselhoft



Bozho nikanek!

Nazi Plunder, White PlunderI will

continue to privately and publicly encourage the University of Oklahoma to return “Shepherdess Bringing in Sheep,” to the rightful owner, Leone Meyer, the daughter of Raoul Meyer.

The Nazis stole, from a Jewish family, this beautiful impressionist painting by Camille Pissarro during the occupation of France during WWII. Nazis were the dominant military power and government.

This moral dilemma is a product of this and the last century. For two centuries before this, the English and

other Europeans plundered the lands of Native Americans.

The United States has taken moral and financial steps to mediate the thief of Indian lands and their natural resources. However, that wrong will never and can never be made right.

Moral steps have been taken but financially the government will never come close to compensating Indians for the massive land and natural recourses that were robbed from them. And this does not even address the lost of life which, like the Nazism goal, was virtually a genocide.

Now, the painting, yes, I understand that there is an antiquated court ruling in Switzerland, which denied the painting to the rightful owners because the established timeframe to make the claim expired. This whole court decision is arbitrary and unclear.

What is clear is the moral implication involved: O.U. knows who the rightful owner is; and they are refusing to be pro active and bountiful gracious and moral and return this painting to the Jewish family from which it was plundered.

Until this painting is returned to the rightful owner, I will not visit the university’s Fred Jones, Jr. Museum of Art. I hope this great university will do the right and moral thing.

As a member of the legislature of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, I will support means designed to restore a small portion of the once great wealth, which was plundered, by the dominant military power and government.

Naganit/Leader

District 10 — David Barrett



Bozho,

In every aspect of daily life we need to experience and exercise some virtues. As a leader, you constantly need to speak and remind your team or family about principles of success and quotes add creditability to your speeches or discussions. By using sayings that great leaders and wise men of old used before, you add the extra impact to the point you’re trying to make.

Leading with integrity and honor

Integrity is about the importance of staying true, upright and righteous in the world today. You need to constantly remind your team or family of this, because temptations are many. Here are some quotes to inspire and motivate you.

Mark Twain – “If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything.”

Grenville Klesier - “You are already of consequence in the world if you are known as a man of strict integrity.”

Hannah Arendt - “Power is actualized only when word and deed not parted company.”

Warren Buffet - “In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if you don’t have the first, the other two will kill you.”

Mahatma Gandhi - “There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principles; Science without humanity; Business without ethics.”

George Eliot - “Keep true, never be ashamed of doing right, and decide on what you think is right and stick to it.”

Arnold Horshak -“Winning is nice if you don’t lose your integrity in the process.”

God - “Neither shall you allege the

example of the many as an excuse for doing wrong.”

Quintillian - “A liar needs a good memory.”

Benjamin Franklin - “Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no persuasion move thee, to do anything which thou knowest to be evil; so shalt thou always live jollity; for a good conscience is a continual Christmas.”

Harry S. Truman - “A person who is fundamentally honest doesn’t need a code of ethics. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are all the ethical code anybody needs.”

Abraham Lincoln - “Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”

Honor is the external and priceless respect that everyone in this world strives hard to achieve but only a few attains. Honor is often bestowed on someone for his or her valor, nobility and heroism and is often granted on pure recognition of true accomplished. Honor helps you to hold your head high and is a major boost to one’s personal integrity. Being the core principle of happiness

and respectful life, honor is a much-coveted ingredient for a happy, successful life.

Socrates - “The greatest way to live with honor in this world is to be what we pretend to be”

Herman Hesse - “It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is.”

Herbert Hoover - “Honor is not the exclusive property of any political party.”

William Faulkner - “Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries and predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.”

Andrew Carnegie - “Do not look for approval except for the consciousness of doing your best.”

Robert E. Lee - “A true man of honor feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others.”

Douglas MacArthur - “Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.”

Aristotle -“Those who educate children well are more to be honored

than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.”

I heard a movie actor say this statement in a recent movie that I was watching.

“What is honor? No man can give you nor can no man take it away. Honor is what a man gives to himself.”

I can’t remember who he was. From this I started researching quotes and was humbled and want to share them with you. Hope you will quote some of these which I thought was important to pass on to you.

Don’t forget about the privilege of voting. Be prepared to vote when you receive your absentee ballot.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

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District 11 — Lisa Kraft



I have a little over a year left in my second term to accomplish three things I am passionate about:

- Creating tribal tutoring scholarships for our children in grades K-12.
- Continuing to buy and place fee lands into trust.
- Amending our tribal Constitution to truly have a separation of powers - a Judicial Branch, Executive Branch and Legislative Branch.

I don’t think this is overly ambitious. By the time I file for reelection in January 2015, I hope to see a constitutional reform measure on the General Council ballot asking that the Executive Branch break away from the Legislature to open

three new seats for Oklahoma tribal members. Removing the Executive leaders from the lawmaking branch (Legislature) was what our Chairman originally envisioned when he put legislative reform on our ballot in 2006 and our Constitution was amended.

My first agenda item is something that must happen sooner rather than later. Our Nation has so many things to be proud of in the way of services and programs, but I want more for our people. I realize big construction projects and new businesses creates diversified income and sales tax to fuel our Nation, but I want a new scholarship program for our members so our children can actually become better students and eventually have a real shot at getting higher education and vocational scholarships - not just through our tribe, but any scholarship. In the next few months, I will propose a bill to vote on a measure that will allow parents to apply for annual tutoring assistance for professional help in tutoring their child or children in reading and math. I have written about my own son’s struggles in reading and have come to realize that this is an epidemic. Several children in his grade struggle with phonics and memorizing math concepts. Creating this scholarship will alleviate the pressure on parents

who fear their children will fall farther behind because they don’t have enough money at the end of the month to get this vital assistance. Our Potawatomi Nation should broaden tribal scholarships to our children regardless of age and grade.

My second agenda item is one I have been passionate about for almost 20 years. As many of you know, I worked for our Nation as a consultant prior to being elected to Legislative office. Vice-Chairman Capps hired me to expand our land base by taking tribally-owned fee land and making Federal application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to convert the title to “Trust” and thereby create new reservation land. She knew I was one of a very few people in Oklahoma who could successfully grow a reservation base. I learned how to do this from a former BIA land specialist, Dovie Sheridan, and merged the process with my ability to successfully apply for and get federal grant money. She walked me through the process when I was a tribal employee of our Nation and we succeeded in putting the Tribal Headquarters into trust. Shortly before I left tribal employment to finish my master’s degree, I was able to put the land into trust where the Grand Casino and Resort sits. Vice Chairman Capps

tasked me with converting 17 fee parcels into trust and, together with our amazing Real Estate Services Director, Charles Meloy and his staff, Assistant Environmental Services Director Shawn Howard, Vicki Lofton, and my dearest friend and mentor Self-Governance Director Rhonda Butcher, we were able to get all 17 land applications into trust. Together, we quadrupled the Citizen Potawatomi Nation reservation. I pledge to support new land purchases and continue the fee-to-trust process I had a hand in creating and have fostered as a Legislator. Our Nation continues to buy, apply and get new lands into trust every year since 2006. Very few tribes in America can boast success equal to ours.

My third agenda item is to see our Constitution reformed. Our current Legislative structure was created by our Chairman, via amending our Constitution, with the intent that one day the Executive Branch would be removed from the lawmaking branch in order to create a true separation of powers. This can only be accomplished if the Chairman puts it on the ballot for vote of the General Council and a vote to amend our Constitution is the will of the people. Once this Constitutional change is made, three new legislative seats will open up

for Oklahoma tribal members. Our Legislature was designed to have eight Oklahoma representatives and eight representatives outside of Oklahoma. This is not to suggest the Executive Branch cannot ask a member of the Legislature to create future bills with their ideas, it is simply to remove the Executives from making tribal laws which they then carry out. This reform will allow Legislators to become active participants and accountable in the strategic planning and development of the tribe’s businesses, programs, services and member benefits.

I will be busy working on the tutoring scholarship bill in the coming months and drafting a proposed constitutional reform questionnaire that we, as a Legislature, can send to our tribal member constituents. Educating our youth, expanding our reservation and having a true separation of powers within our government structure are critical goals of mine.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

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District 13 — Bobbi Bowden



Bozho nikanek

Hope you all are staying warm in this unusually cold weather we have been having. When Festival gets here we will all be wishing for a little bit of the cold air we have been experiencing!

With great respect and admiration, this month I would like to give some information to our tribal elders.

All Native Americans 55 and older who live in the Citizen Potawatomi

Nation jurisdiction are encouraged to participate in the program. The program provides a meal at noon Monday through Friday, bingo four times a week, and exercise three times a week (group chair exercise).

Each day, the program offers dominoes, cable TV, and access to exercise equipment. Once a month the CPN Clinic comes to the elders, providing health screening which consists of blood pressure and blood sugar-level testing as well as nutrition information.

Home deliveries are taken to homebound elders to ensure them a nutritious meal each day. Those needing transportation for medical appointments, errands or shopping can call the Title VI office to schedule appointments. The Title VI office can be reached at 405-878-4833.

It is with a heartfelt thank you to those of you that take the time to ensure our traditions and stories will continue for the generations to come.

It is that time of year again to check

the www.potawatomi.org for festival registration and schedules. Please contact Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5835 to reserve RV Space.

I cherish to opportunity to serve you. Please contact me anytime I may be of help to you.

Migwetch,

Bobbi Bowden/Peshknokwe
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Chairman — John Barrett

Bozho Nikan, (Hello, my friend)

Many of you will recall the lawsuit the Citizen Potawatomi Nation had with the Oklahoma Tax Commission in the 1990s that went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. They ruled that Oklahoma could not go on tribal trust land to collect taxes. While they ruled in our favor, Justice Rehnquist also added this phrase: “The State has a right without a remedy to collect taxes on sales to non-Indians.” This, of course, was about cigarettes, which we were selling with a discount solely from our lower tax.

On Feb. 4, 2014, we received a letter from the City of Shawnee demanding three percent of our Tribal Sales Tax or they would join with the Oklahoma Tax Commission in a federal court action to force us to collect 8.5 percent from every Shawnee resident customer. It was also

addressed to the other three tribes in the area: Kickapoo, Absentee Shawnee, and Sac & Fox, although they have little commerce that is not in their casinos.

In addition, the City Commission adopted a resolution criminalizing the failure to report or to file an incorrect report of City sales tax collections at the CPN. They gave us ten days to reply, which we have done along with the other three tribes. The local newspaper, The Shawnee News Star, received a copy of the City letter before we did. They printed three stories and an editorial about it with blatant headline bias for the City. No surprise there.

On Monday, the executive officers of all four tribes met at the CPN Heritage Center, along with each tribal attorney and Justice G. William Rice of the CPN Supreme Court and Indian Law Professor at Tulsa University Law School. Each tribal leader saw the letter as a tribal sovereignty threat and extortion attempt which their Nation would resist. Justice Rice deemed the letter “a declaration of war.”

CPN Tribal Attorney Greg Quinlan joined with the other tribal attorneys and drafted a letter in reply.

We researched tax records of the City which show an increase in collections every year for ten years except 2009, the worst

economic year since the Great Depression. When confronted with this fact, City Commissioner James Harrod, the sponsor of the Ordinance, said the decline of \$500,000 was in “groceries” only.

What he failed to inform the public or the press about was a \$2.57 million increase in “General Merchandise” and “Eating and Drinking Places.” These two tax report categories are where the Super Wal-Mart reports their grocery sales tax collections, as well as the seven Dollar General and Family Dollar stores, both large grocery vendors. Additionally, Braum’s Stores (two locations) sells groceries reported in the “Eating and Drinking Places” category. The expanded grocery segments of the twelve convenience stores in the City limits account for a large dollar amount of groceries tax which is also not reported in the “Food Store” category.

The rest of the press: The Journal Record, Daily Oklahoman, and the Countywide & Sun have published articles, some fair, some not, with a feature to come over the weekend of February 15-16 from the statewide paper, The Oklahoman. I am told by a Shawnee merchant that the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce reacted negatively to the City of Shawnee’s actions, as did an official of the Oklahoma Tax Commission over the phone to the

reporter from the Journal Record.

This is a threat we cannot afford to ignore. Even though federal case law consistently upholds tribal territorial sovereignty based on federal preemption to regulate Indian Trust land, we will still have to litigate this issue. The City will sue the poorest of the four tribes with no revenue at stake just to set precedent. It will require a removal from state court to federal, and the City is relying on the record of the US Supreme Court against tribal sovereignty on appeal. They do not understand, however, that the U.S. Federal Courts have ruled on the right of Congress alone to regulate Indian Country, consistent with the law.

The ultimate solution to this is an active Indian-voter effort to elect fair and reasonable people to serve on the Shawnee City Commission. A combination of our 2,200 employees and the enrolled tribal members of the four tribes is double the majority of the votes cast in the last City Commission election. This will take time and effort, but will bear fruit for us when we apply for de-annexation. A de-annexation Resolution was approved by the City in 2002, but did not get back to the Commission from Committee. We believe that is a result of a faulty annexation claim by the City in 1961.

The City Commission regards our growth to become the largest

employer in the area, with more than 2,200 employees as a “zero sum game”, i.e. what we have they lost. That is not true.

Since the City has not created a single net new job for ten years – all job growth has been tribal – and continues to enjoy sales tax increases, the only conclusion is the tribe supports the town. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation makes \$1.7 million in gifts to civic, religious, and educational entities in the City, plus we pay more than \$21.3 million in tax payments to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Delivering that message is our largest task. It is a battle for public opinion. We have been defamed in the press by the City. This precedent, if successful, will set other Oklahoma cities against their tribal neighbors. We are the only tribe with grocery stores. Justice Rice is correct; this is an unwarranted economic attack by the City of Shawnee. We have to fight, and we cannot lose.

The first United States Supreme Court Chief Justice, James Marshall said “The power to tax is the power to destroy” in the Cherokee v. Georgia court case.

It will not happen to us, I can promise that.

Migwetch,

John “Rocky” Barrett, Kewooge Tribal Chairman

Vice Chairman — Linda Capps

Judging from the news, many of you throughout the U.S. have experienced severe weather conditions. I certainly hope your weather is greatly improved by the time you read this column. We have high hopes in Oklahoma that spring is coming soon!

This month I wanted to speak a bit about the work of a couple of our veterans, both who are doing some important assignments in different areas.

Clyde “Rowdy” Yates is a member of the Wilmett family and is our Tribal Veterans Representative. Trained by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to aid Native American veterans in their dealings with the VA, Clyde has spent much of the past four years as one of Oklahoma’s three veterans’ service officers. His

work is entirely voluntary, and Clyde has travelled across the country to counsel and speak with Native veterans from a number of federally recognized tribes. His most recent success was to assist a CPN member whose late husband, a Vietnam veteran, had been denied VA assistance for a number of years. With Clyde’s help, this family was finally granted the compensation they should have received for their loved one’s sacrifice. In addition to the positive work that Clyde does as our veteran’s representative from his office, he is also willing to help when a special need arises with a veteran. He has driven many miles in order to assist special needs veterans. It is stories like this that make me proud to know our Nation has one of its own looking out for his fellow veterans.

I also want to mention another veteran, tribal member and author Robert Sander. Like Clyde, Robert is a Vietnam vet, having served as a helicopter pilot during the conflict. On March 11, 2014 a book Robert has worked on for more than seven years will be published. The book examines the 1971 invasion of Laos, an operation he personally took part in.



Clyde “Rowdy” Yates.

He has worked diligently on the project, which is available for pre-order at www.oupublish.com and www.amazon.com. As a tribal member who lived through the Vietnam era, I am glad that one of our own Citizen Potawatomi is telling this important story. I encourage those who are interested in this decisive time in history to read Robert’s book, “The Invasion of Laos, 1971.”

While I praise Clyde and Robert’s work, they are but a few of the hundreds of Potawatomi veterans who have served in the armed

forces. I want to encourage all those who have given their time in service of the United States military to contact our CPN Veterans Organization. The group meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the North Reunion Hall next to



Robert Sandler.

the Festival Grounds. This fine group of men and women take part in a number of activities throughout the year, including the CPN Vets Color Guard, who present the colors at functions around the state of Oklahoma. For more information, please visit www.cpnveterans.org, www.potawatomi.org/services/veterans or email Commander Daryl Talbot at commander@cpnveterans.org.

One last note about remembering our Vets is the CPN Veterans Wall of Honor, which is displayed in the Long Room of the Cultural Heritage Center. The memorial, comprised of photos of veterans during their time in uniform, honors both the living and those who sacrificed their lives to keep us free. If you are a veteran and an enrolled tribal member, you are eligible for your photo to be added to the Wall of Honor. Perhaps you have a loved one who is eligible to be included on the display as well. Please send the name, tribal enrollment number, a copy of discharge papers (DD214) (or current station), a digital or physical version of a 5”X7” or larger photo, and current address of the veteran or next-of-kin to: Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Veterans Wall of Honor, 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801-8699.

Once again, I wish to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you and the Nation as Vice Chairman. It is an honor I do not take lightly, and I look forward to serving you in another term as your elected representative.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps
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DISTRICT 6 CULTURAL EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 • 10AM TO 3PM
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Please RSVP to rande.payne@potawatomi.org or (559) 999-5411.



WALKING ON...



Carolyn Sue Navarre Whitney

Carolyn Sue Navarre Whitney, 66, passed away November 30, 2013. Carolyn Sue was born in Oklahoma City on October 8, 1947. Her great-great-great-grandparents were Pierre Navarre and Angelique (Kechouckquah).

Angelique is said to be the daughter of the Potawatomi Indian Chief Warbansee (Ninocob-In-na-Ninocob-in-na). Angelique and Pierre Navarre were married in 1820 in ‘the woods’ and lived in a small cabin Pierre built for his bride. It was located on the riverside in South Bend, Ind.

Navarre, who was also Potawatomi and a fur trader for the American Fur Company, made a fortune for its owner, John Jacob Astor. Alex Coquillard took over Pierre’s fur trading license and prospered, as Pierre chose to ‘live like the Indian’, not taking more than was needed to live.

After having several children, Angelique walked on in 1838, records indicate that she is buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame University. That same year, the Potawatomi in Marshall and Fulton counties Indiana were forced to walk to Kansas, a migration now known as ‘The Trail Of Death’.

In 1840, Indians around the South Bend area also had to go west. Some accounts state that Navarre accompanied his children from Indiana, but returned, as he was

the founder of South Bend. He spent his last days in his daughter Frances’ home in Monroe, Mich. walking on in 1864. He is also buried at Cedar Grove, in South Bend, Ind., a Potawatomi burial site.

Pierre Navarre’s old cabin became a ‘cow barn’. For many years, it seemed South Bend residents had nearly forgotten their founder. The cabin was given to the Northern Indian Historical Society in 1900, then restored and moved to Leeper Park. It fell into disrepair and was again restored, this time by the South Bend Garden Club. Each spring it is the site of ‘Cabin Days’ for schoolchildren to learn about pioneer ways such as candle-dipping, cooking over an open fire, basket-weaving, and hunting.

Anthony Navarre, Pierre’s and Angelique’s son, had previously owned the land that is now Rossville, Kan. Also, Lewis, Anthony’s son, sold his allotted land to a man named Frank Harrah. That land is the site of Harrah, Oklahoma in eastern Oklahoma County. Lewis and his wife Julia were the parents of Edward Navarre.

Carolyn Sue’s grandparents Edward and Alta Navarre lived in Harrah, Oklahoma They lived in a one room home with no modern conveniences.

Born to this couple were Jesse Morie, Wonda Romona, and Emery Leroy, Carolyn’s father.

Carolyn visited her grandparents quite often, seeking wisdom and receiving unconditional love.

Edward and Alta Navarre lived in the small home until 1960 at which time Carolyn’s grandparents moved to a modern rent house about a block away. Edward had suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed on one side.

On January 3, 1935 Emery Navarre married Virginia Herron. From this marriage three children were born, Carolyn Sue, Wonda Maureen, and Ronald. The three

were close and they palled around throughout their childhood days.

They lived in Harrah and had a wood burning stove for heat, but finally were able to get electricity and gas. Carolyn graduated from Choctaw High School in 1965 graduating fifth in her class. She excelled in drama class and also playing the clarinet and drums in the marching band.

Carolyn, while visiting her cousin in Oklahoma City, would go on a blind date with her eventual husband-to-be, Jessie L. Whitney. They married on June 3, 1966 and were married 48 years.

From this marriage three boys were to be born. Jeffrey, born while his dad was fighting in Vietnam with the US Navy. Monte was supposed to be born on his mother’s birthday, October 8, but did not make his arrival until October 9. Both Carolyn and Jesse were sure their third child would be a girl. Scott was born, being son number three.

Carolyn would start and work over 25 years as an expert bookkeeper and income tax preparer in Harrah, Oklahoma In addition, Carolyn got her CPN license when not working books and taxes, nursing for seniors and elderly for more than 15 years.

During this time she welcomed and enjoyed six grand-children, J.J., Jakayla, Hayley, Cody, Ashley, and Brooklyn.

Carolyn would soon become a summer traveler, going to many different locations around the country as well as joining her husband and the boys to many navy ports for Jessie’s camp. They enjoyed more than 25 years of summer camps.

Carolyn was also a published song writer and poet. Her song, “Cowboys”, which she wrote and recorded, was recognized by The International Society of Poets and Songwriters. She was awarded with the Distinguished Member Honors.

She is proof of the strength that

abides in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s precious matriarchs.

Carolyn was also honored by the International Library of Poetry for her writing of the Potawatomi. The poem was titled “With the Supreme Chief!”

“There will never be a brighter light then my saviors love. So when we reach our home above there will be no pain nor cares nor grief. And his great love will shine forevermore, forever.”

The poem was also honored by the Hownikan and won the award for that year. Many tribal members believe it should be the official poem of the “People of the Fire”.

Carolyn was known for her knowledge of the Bible in that she could quote verse after verse off the top of her head by memory and she was very proud of her history and the Potawatomi tribe traditions and bloodline.

they had two daughters, Anita and Jo Ann.

Nila is preceded in death by her parents, husband Chester, daughter Anita, and grandson Chester O. Hall and also by her brothers Vincent, Ray, Frank and Bill and sister Lillian.

Nila is survived by daughter Jo Ann Hall, grandson Lyndon Hall, great grandson Taylor, and her sister Vinita Clowdin. She also leaves nieces and nephews Rita Oravetz, Jim Nadeau, Janene Grabber, Elaine Williams, Bryan Nadeau, Elsie Joe Nadeau, Gene R. Nadeau, Troy Nadeau and James Hayden, many great, great-great and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

Nila was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a strong supporter of the current administration and all of their accomplishments.

Although the family has been enduring the dealt of a heavy loss with the walking on of Carolyn Navarre Whitney on November 30, 2013, they know she was a devout Christian and is with the Supreme Chief!



Nila Cecilia Nadeau Locke

Nila Cecilia Nadeau Locke was born April 17, 1911 at the homeplace south of the Earlsboro, Oklahoma site of her mother’s allotment. She passed from this life on January 17, 2014 at the age of 102. Her parents were Joseph A. Nadeau and Sarah C. (Tescier) Nadeau. She attended St. Mary’s Academy in Sacred Heart from 1919 until 1929. Nila married Chester E. Locke in 1939 and

BURIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have a loved one who has walked on, please update their information in Tribal Rolls. Also, you may be eligible for burial assistance. Please contact the Tribal Rolls Department at (800) 880-9880.

To submit an obituary, please send a word document and a 300 dpi photo to hownikan@potawatomi.org

NOTICE TO ALL FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR TRIBAL LAND CONSOLIDATION

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Realty Department has begun the process to help manage funds from the Cobell Settlement. The Cobell Settlement Agreement provides a \$1.9 billion fund to purchase fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers, at fair market value. Such purchases will take place within a 10-year period

The land in question is original allotment land, which over the years has been divided into smaller pieces amongst the heirs of original allotment owners. This land has been divided up among so many heirs that some segments of land have more than 100 owners and some owners do not know they own land.

Working with the Office of Self Governance, CPN Realty reached out to more than 2,200 owners of undivided interest allotment owners who own land in CPN jurisdiction. Records show about 300 landowners have said they would be willing to sell their land.

The application has been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, so the official date for buying and selling tribal land has not been set yet. In the meantime if you are interested in selling your land or have questions about the land consolidation, contact Robby from the **Realty Department at 405-395-0113.**

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